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WAITING CALL TO ARMS. Canadians Every Day Offering Service for Another Regiment for South Africa. From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The martial spirit predominant amongst Canadians is evident from the fact that offers of service are again beginning to pour in to the militia department. Nothing can be done by the government in the way of equipping a second contingent until the Imperial authorities are heard from, but public opinion here is practically unanimous that the government would be doing a patriotic service if it were to remind the British authorities that Canada is ready and willing to once more demonstrate her loyalty. If this had been done early in the week it could not then have been said as a reproach that Australia had again led the way. If another force is sent from Canada it is generally believed it will consist of Mounted Police and Field Artillery. Up to the close of office hours at the militia department no word had been received from Col. Otter, nor had His Excellency any information from the home government. A communication was received from the war office to-day in reference to the supply of ribbon for the general service medal, to the effect that 1,122 yards will be sent from London to-morrow, so that in about a fortnight the distribution of medals may commence. Gen. Hutton received a telegram from Col. Otter to-night, announcing the death of Chappell. The telegram is dated Belmont to-day, and shows that the Canadian contingent is still there. METHUEN'S REAR GUARD. Reconnoitering Party Have Sharp Engagement and Ten Casualties. London, Dec. 15.—A war office despatch dated Orange River, Thursday, 14th, says: "Yesterday part of the Mounted Infantry, with the Yorkshire and Lancashire guides, reconnoitered ten miles east of the Orange River, where a sharp engagement with the enemy ensued. "Capt. Bradshaw and three men were killed, and Lieut. Gregson and seven men wounded. The enemy lost five killed and several wounded." GOOD MULES ORDERED. British Government Now Pinning Their Faith on the Texas Variety. Austin, Tex., Dec. 15.—The representatives of the British government have received instructions to purchase 1,000 more good mules. The shipment of 2,000 mules from Fannin county to South Africa by way of New Orleans began to-day.

WILL VISIT TRANSVAAL. London, Dec. 17.—Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the department of the interior at Washington, sails for Capetown to-morrow. He expects to visit the Transvaal. EVERYBODY IS COUGHING. Except those who use Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. It loosens the tightness in the chest, stops the cough, allays the inflammation, heals the soreness and promptly cures all sorts of coughs and colds, bronchitis, croup, asthma and sore throat. It is found in nine-tenths of the homes of this country. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

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FIXED BULLER Boers Caught His Artillery Supports at Close Range Killed Teams and Compelled Abandonment of Eleven Guns. British Were Advancing in Force to Ford Tugela and Had Fair Prospect of Success When the Disaster Occurred.

Retreated in Good Order to Chieveley Camp—Heavy Casualties in One Division Who Found Their Task Impossible. By Associated Press. London, Dec. 16 (12:47 a.m.)—The war office has received a despatch announcing that Gen. Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing 11 guns in an unsuccessful attempt to cross the Tugela river. The following is the text of Gen. Buller's despatch to Lord Lansdowne: Chieveley Camp, Dec. 15 (6:20 p.m.)—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chieveley at 4 this morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela river, and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart. My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left, Gen. Hildyard the right road and Gen. Lytton to attack the centre and to support either. Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, I fear suffered a great deal. Col. I. G. Brooke was seriously wounded. I then ordered Gen. Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading right, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge. At that moment I heard that the whole artillery I had set to support the attack, the 14th and 66th field batteries and six naval 12-pounders, quick-firers, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river, in Long's desire to be within effective range. It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some of the wagon teams got shelter for the troops in a donag, and desperate efforts were made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish. Another gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer, whose name I will obtain. Of the 18 horses, 13 were killed, and as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark. Not wishing to sacrifice life to a gallant attempt to force the passage unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order. Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but was kept back by mounted men under Lord Dundonald and part of Gen. Barton's brigade. The day was immensely hot and trying to the troops, whose conduct was excellent. We have abandoned 10 guns and lost by shell one. The losses in Gen. Hart's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded is, I hope, not large. The 14th and 66th field batteries also suffered severe losses. We have retired to our camp at Chieveley. London, Dec. 16 (4:30 a.m.)—The news of Gen. Buller's reverse was received so late that morning newspapers' comments are confined to perfunctory expressions of extreme regret and disappointment, and of the necessity for calmness and redoubled efforts to retrieve the position. The Standard says: "Gen. Buller's despatch is a deplorable reading. It is the now familiar story of concealed Boers and of British troops marching up, blindly almost, to the very muzzles of the enemy's rifles. It cannot be doubted that the moral effect will be to aggravate our difficulties over the whole field of operations. The country has discovered with annoyance and surprise that subduing Boer farmers is about the hardest work we have entered upon since the Indian Mutiny. The commandants have shown themselves able to give our generals useful but expensive lessons in modern tactics." The Times says: "Since the days of the Indian Mutiny the nation has not been confronted with so painful and anxious a situation. Plainly, Gen. Buller's advance is paralyzed for the moment as completely as Lord Methuen's and Gen. Gatacre's." THEY BANKED ON BULLER. The depression over the defeat of Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater as during the last 48 hours there have been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Yesterday the war office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. The reaction is all the more pronounced on this account. The gloomy information came too late to reach the Service clubs, and only a few journalists and stragglers were waiting at the war office. It has hardly been realized until now, even after the experience of the week, that Gen. Buller could fail. Virtually nothing had been allowed to leak through regarding his preparations, but the public waited patiently in the confident belief that he was taking such time and precautions as would ensure success.

BOER REPORT FROM MODDER. Cronje Says the British Were in Overwhelming Force—Their Balloons Useful. Pretoria, Dec. 12.—The following official announcement has been made: "Gen. Cronje reports that yesterday there was desultory fighting till 6, when the heavy cannon fire was resumed. "The Scandinavians stormed a difficult position, but it became untenable, and they suffered severely. I was unable to send help. "The British were in overwhelming force, but must have had at least 2,000 men put out of action, either killed or wounded." Another official report from Capt. Finnhart says: "There were no signs of surrender, the burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery and maintaining their positions under heavy British fire. Our cannon were of very little use. The British were greatly assisted by balloons. "Twenty-four ambulances were working backward and forward between the fighting line and the enemy's camp. Our loss is not definitely known. I estimate it at 100 killed and wounded." Pretoria, Dec. 12.—A telegraph operator at Modder River writes: "Gun and Maxim fire has been proceeding since 5:30 this morning." A special despatch later says the firing reported was a resumption of fighting between Gen. Methuen's forces and the Boers.

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# British Forces

## At a Standstill

Advance in South Africa Not Now Looked for Until Reinforcements Arrive.

Mobilization of Another Division Is War Office Response to Buller's News.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 16.—No independent reports of the engagement at Tugela River have yet been allowed to come through, but Gen. Buller's own despatch tells the sad tale in sufficient outline to show that the British have been entrapped again by the astute Boers. It was not anticipated that Gen Buller would make a frontal attack but no criticisms of his movements are made, since apparently he suffered a repulse rather than a defeat, and did not push the attack home, but broke it off in the middle so as to save a useless sacrifice of life. It is expected that he will renew the attack shortly.

Immediately on receiving the news the war office decided to mobilize still another division to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible. Fifteen transports are due to arrive at Capetown between December 17 and January 8, with about 15,000 troops of all arms, but unless Gen. Buller is able to renew the attack, which is exceedingly doubtful, the British generals will be compelled for another fortnight or more to remain practically on the defensive.

The latest despatches indicate the continued bombardment of Ladysmith, which position is now perilous. Major-General Sir Herbert Charles Chermiside has been appointed to command the 14th brigade in the seventh division.

The list of casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men in the fight at Magerfontein, just issued, shows 55 killed, 252 wounded (21 severely) and 76 missing. This, however, is apparently not a complete list.

### MAKING DOING WELL.

British Post Last Week Repulsed Night Attack of Boers—Molopo Bombarded.

Pretoria, Dec. 15.—It is officially announced that Molopo, west of Mafeking, was bombarded on December 10. Sharp fighting occurred.

The Boers attacked the British post at Mafeking during the night of December 10. After severe fighting the Boers were repulsed to Sugman's Fort.

### KIMBERLEY FIGHTS.

One Killed and Seven Wounded in Seven Hour Engagement to the North.

London, Dec. 15.—The War Office has a despatch from Col. Kekewich, dated Kimberley, Dec. 10, saying: "The Boers have re-attacked Kurman and have again been repulsed by loyalists and Bochemans. The Boer forces made a demonstration northward on December 9, and drew 500 Boers and three guns. Fighting ensued for several hours. The British casualties were one man killed and seven wounded."

### BOERS' DIPLOMATIC RULING.

United States Will Press Vigorously for Reversal of Attitude Towards Her Consul.

New York, Dec. 15.—A Washington despatch to the Sun says the Boer government has thus far entirely ignored the representations of the United States, which amounted to a virtual protest against the ruling that Mr. Macrum, United States consul at Pretoria, as representative of British interests during the war, would not be permitted to perform friendly services to British prisoners in the Transvaal. Stanley Hols, United States consul at Lorenzo Mar, who is taking charge of the Pretoria consulate pending the arrival of Adolbert S. Hay, will press vigorously for a reversal of the ruling when the state department decides that the time has elapsed within which an answer is necessary.

### LABEL ON IRISH TROOPS.

Dublin Journal's Scandalous Story That They Had Proved False to Their Oath.

Waterford, Ireland, Dec. 15.—The story printed in the Freeman's Journal to the effect that the reserves of the Royal Irish Regiment, while enroute on their way to South Africa at this point on Wednesday sang "God Save Ireland," cheered the Boers and President Kruger, and threw their rifles into the river, is absolutely unfounded. Nothing whatever occurred among the men, and the pathetic leave-taking which have been witnessed at all similar embarkations.

### A PAPAL ALLOCATION.

His Holiness Refers With Feeling to Exclusion From the Peace Congress.

Rome, Dec. 15.—The text of the Pope's allocation at yesterday's consistory is published to-day. He said he could have wished that the church enjoyed her former liberty in Rome, and that she might thus have been enabled to celebrate publicly the contemplated ceremonies with the solemn usages of bygone years. The Pope then referred to the fact that the Vatican was not invited to send a representative to the peace congress at The Hague, an omission which, he said, "had been censured by all impartial judges." The Holy See had desired a place in that conference," continued the Pope. "One voice had obstinately opposed itself to this desire and had gained the point. It was the voice of those who, with the conquest of Rome, had deprived the Pope of his powers."

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# DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Canadian Victim at Elandslaagte—Toronto University—Quebec Liberals Apprehensive.

## RALLYING THE LIBERALS.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—W. A. Weir, M. P. (Liberal), Argenteuil county, addressing members of the Montreal Reform Club last night, urged the necessity of Liberals rallying themselves in order to achieve success at the coming Dominion elections.

## PROTHONOTARY'S DEATH.

Quebec, Dec. 15.—Mr. Demontigny, prothonotary of the district of Terrebonne, died this forenoon at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Belleau, in this city, aged 61 years. He was a brother of the late Recorder Demontigny of Montreal, who died a few months ago.

## NEW MINISTER BANQUETTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Hon. P. R. Latchford, the new commissioner of public works for Ontario, was banquetted by friends last night. Two hundred and fifty persons were present, comprising both political parties.

## KIRKPATRICK'S OBSEQUES.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The funeral of the late Sir George A. Kirkpatrick takes place this evening to the Union station, from whence it will be taken to Kingston for interment. Among prominent personages to attend the funeral are Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright, representing the Dominion government; Sir William J. H. Macdonald, M. P., M. L. A., and T. G. Shaughnessy, chairman and president respectively of the Canadian Pacific railway, and many others.

## FELL AT ELANDSLAAGTE.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Word has been received in the city that Robert Buchanan, formerly of the 48th Highlanders, fell in the charge of the Gordons at Elandslaagte, along with three of his relatives. His son, Capt. Buchanan, was in command of the company in which he served. Two sons of the captain were also in the company, and they along with the former Torontoian, fell in the same battle.

## TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Hon. Mr. Harcourt, minister of education, says that Toronto University must have greater revenues if it is to keep pace with modern educational developments. He expressed the hope that the province would give practical help towards increasing the income as well as the endowment.

## BANK CASE PUT OFF.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The case against Lemieux, cashier of the Ville Marie Bank on the new charge of embezzling \$173,000 was postponed to Thursday, December 22, owing to the illness of one of the counsel, M. J. F. Quinn, Q. C., M. P.

## MATE'S BODY RECOVERED.

Buffalo, Dec. 15.—The body of Archie McDonald, of Toronto, mate of the ill-fated steamer Niagara, wrecked last Tuesday, has been recovered near Port Maitland.

## MONTREAL ELEVATORS.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The Board of Trade council to-day adopted a resolution unanimously approving of the Mayor's elevator scheme. This is a slap in the face for the Corn Exchange, which has been fighting the scheme tooth and nail.

## HALF MILLION AT RISK.

Perry Sound, Ont., Dec. 15.—The Arthur Orr, one of the large liners of the Canada Atlantic railway, is reported ashore on Cove Island, in the Straits of Mackinaw. She is grain-laden with heavy cargo, and lies in an exposed position. Vessels and cargo are valued at half a million.

## WEST ELGIN ELECTION.

St. Thomas, Dec. 15.—One of the West Elgin deputy returning officers, Coyne, of sub-division 14, has neglected to file his return. There is a majority of 28 in favor of Macdonald at that poll. Without it MacNish, Liberal, would be elected, but a recount would re-install Macdonald.

## ANOTHER FOR HUGH JOHN.

One of the Reserved Elections Appears to Have Pronounced in His Favor.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The Dauphin election was held to-day. Despatches up to 10 p.m. give Burrows, Liberal, about 400 majority over Hunt, Conservative, with several polls to hear from.

Returns from Gimli election, held yesterday, are coming in slowly. Baldwin, Conservative, has 16 majority, with six polls to hear from, which will probably increase his total.

The result leaves the parties in the legislature Conservatives 21, Liberals 17, Independent 1. A recount of ballots for Rosenfeld held to-day increased the majority of Hespeler, Independent, to 17.

## VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Move to Sustain Fair Wages in Provincial Industries Boom in Land Values—Neglected Children.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—D. C. Harrison, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, has been arrested for non-support of his four children, cruelty, etc.

Der Sing blew out the gas in a Chinese boarding house Wednesday night and was asphyxiated.

The "Brown's in Town" company drew a fair audience.

The sudden withdrawal of the request of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company for foreshore rights at Coal Harbor is said to be due to the owners of property adjoining the mill site putting up the price of their lots to a prohibitive figure.

A convention has been called of trades and labor councils, to take place in Vancouver on December 21, to consider the best means to adopt to prevent the present sources of wealth being operated by underpaid and overworked labor.

## DUTCH GUIANA OFFENSIVE.

Movement to Annoy Resident British and Help the Cause of the Transvaal.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 15.—Mail advices from Surinam, Dutch Guiana, report a widely organized movement for the purpose of aiding the South African Dutch and annoying the resident British subjects, in which high officials and consular representatives are implicated. The British consular officers are vigorously opposing this as being a breach of neutrality, and diplomatic representations on the subject have gone forward.

# Sidewalks and Road Mending.

Parting Favors Granted by the City Council Out of Unused Appropriations.

The Light on the Indian Reserve Will be no Longer Withheld.

At a special meeting of the city council yesterday evening, the appropriation of the \$1,500 or thereabouts remaining unexpended under various original appropriations at the beginning of the year, was taken into consideration; and after long consideration applied for street improvements which it is believed will be of most general advantage.

Residents of Victoria West will rejoice to learn that \$210 of the total available sum of \$1,573 is applied to provide the long desired electric light on the Indian reservation; while \$20 is voted for repairing the sidewalk on the north side of Craigflower road.

The other items of street improvement contemplated, involving an outlay of \$1,433, are in accordance with the tabular reports of the city engineer, and enumerated as follows in the order of their relative importance:

Drainage of the McTavish property, applied for by Hon. J. S. Helmecken, M. P., on November 29, at an estimated cost of \$180.

Sidewalk on south side of Cadboro Bay road, between Pemberton road and Charles street, as applied for November 20, \$100.

Extension of drain on Stanley avenue, as applied for by G. C. Mesher, December 11, \$145.

Sidewalk on east side of Oswego street, between Simpson and Michigan, as applied for November 20, \$112.

Sidewalk on west side of Oswego street, between Kingston and Michigan, as applied for November 20, \$100.

Improvement of the easterly portion of David street, as applied for by Dr. F. W. Hall, November 20, \$100.

Drain through Lydia and Howard streets, \$85.

Sidewalk on Springfield avenue, west side, between the new and the old Esquimalt roads, as applied for November 20, \$80.

Sidewalk on Churchway, south side, from Humboldt street easterly, as applied for December 11, \$65.

Blasting rock and laying gravel walk in place of steps, North Pembroke street, as applied for by W. Emery, December 4, \$80.

Improvement of Ford Bay road, as applied for by Thomas Shottbolt, on December 4, \$55.

Sidewalk on Dunedin street, north side, from Simms street easterly, as applied for December 4, \$55.

Sidewalk on Johnson street, north side, from Camosun street westerly, as applied for November 20, \$52.

Box drain on Milne street, north side, as applied for November 20, \$50.

Sidewalk on Milne street, south side, as applied for November 20, \$30.

Improvement of southerly portion Catherine street, as applied for by Dr. L. Hall, November 27, \$25.

The only item among the recommendations which owing to the exhaustion of the available funds met death, provided for a box drain on Oscar street, as applied for by W. Hodges on December 11, the estimated cost of which was \$150.

## WILL GIVE PRISONERS' ROLL.

Boers Reciprocate in Matter of Information Promised by the British.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mr. Macrum, United States consul at Pretoria, has cabled the state department that the Transvaal government has informed him that full reports will be given through the war office of the Republic of the names and conditions of British prisoners when applied for by the British authorities. Mr. Macrum has secured the release of the British subject, Robertson, a civilian, who had been arrested by the Boers and confined at Pretoria on the charge of being a spy, on condition that he leave the country at once and remain out of it.

## PROTECTING NICKEL INDUSTRY.

Dominion Government Takes Steps to Cause Refining to Be Done in Canada.

Washington, Dec. 15.—From two of its consular officers, Consul General Turner at Ottawa and Commercial Agent Shotts at Saint Ste. Marie, the state department has received notice of intended action by the Canadian government to prevent the exportation of nickel ores and nickel matte, which they say will have most important and disastrous result on the nickel refining industry in the United States. There is a large consumption of nickel by the United States government in the manufacture of armor plate. The price of the material will be unfavorably affected, and the refining industry, now confined to the United States, will be seriously injured. The expressed purpose of the Canadian order is to compel the reduction of the ores and the refining of the nickel to be done entirely in Canada.

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## BUSINESS MAN'S SUICIDE.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 15.—Henry C. Landis, secretary of the board of trade and one of the most prominent insurance men of the city, committed suicide to-day.

## HARVARD'S SNAP.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15.—Harvard won from Princeton University to-night in the annual debating meeting. The question was "Resolved, that England's claims in the present controversy with the South African republics are justifiable." Harvard took the affirmative and Princeton the negative.

## GARFIELD FIG SYRUP—a fruit and vegetable preparation for regular children and adults. 25 cents 4¢ ounce bottle. All druggists.

# SIR CHARLES TUPPER HERE.

Veteran Conservative Leader Receives Warm Welcome and Speaks To-night at Theatre.

Sir Charles Tupper, the veteran Conservative leader of Canada, arrived in Victoria by last evening's Charnier, accompanied by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Lady Tupper, and Hon. Edgar Dewdney; the leader being met at the dock by an influential delegation headed by Mr. H. Dallas Helmecken, Q. C., president of the local Conservative association, and including also Hon. E. G. Prior, M. P., Mr. A. E. McPhillips, M. P., P. Hon. Senator Macdonald, Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley and a number of others. The representation of Victoria friends at the steamer landing would, indeed, have been notably large, but for a deceptive intimation that the Charnier would land her passengers at the outer wharf, a large number going to the ocean dock—and in consequence meeting disappointment. After shaking hands with the assembled friends at the steamer landing last evening, Sir Charles and his party entered their carriage, to which four harness horses had been harnessed, and were driven to the home of Captain Phillips-Wolley on the Oak Bay road, where the Conservative chief, tact is to be a guest during his Victoria visit. He will be lunched to-day at the Union Club by Hon. Mr. Prior and Mr. Earle, addressing a public meeting at the theatre in the evening.

## LONG RANGE SUPERVISORS.

Herkimer, N. D., Dec. 15.—At yesterday's session of the Herkimer county board of supervisors, Supervisor Max Miller introduced a resolution calling upon the national legislature and executive to take advantage of the first opportunity to send a friendly disposition toward the Boer cause. This caused no little excitement among the supervisors, and discussion of it was referred to the military committee.

## THE INDIAN FAMINE.

Calcutta, Dec. 15.—The distress in the famine-stricken districts is becoming more acute. About 2,250,000 have applied for and received relief.

## A NANAIMO FIRE.

Nanaimo, Dec. 15.—The house occupied by R. J. Weinburn was completely destroyed by fire to-day. Household effects valued at \$1,000 were totally destroyed. There was no insurance. The building was owned by the British Columbia Land & Investment Co. The loss on it is \$1,200; insurance, \$850.

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The sealers who are now leaving for the Coast and Southern hunting grounds will start upon their hazardous labors with lighter hearts by reason of the good news cabled from London yesterday as the result of the December sales.

The offerings included some 30,000 skins, and these realized on an average about 66 shillings, or in the neighborhood of \$16-40 per cent. higher than the return for the Northwest coast catch of December last—and, indeed, the highest prices for years. Sixty-six shillings in London should mean a value of about \$14.50 for the Victorians engaged in the industry, which is certainly encouraging.

The high price may naturally be ascribed to the limited catch of last season, as well as to the recent restoration of sealskin garments to their former place of honor by the edict of the makers of fashion.



**DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE 25c.**

Is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the sinuses, stops droppings in the throat, and cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

**JOHN KENNEDY.**

Stand: Express for Hire.

Yates Street.

# VICTORIA THEATRE.

ROBERT JAMIESON, Manager.

## SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT.

5 Nights and Saturday Matinee commencing

**Tuesday, Dec. 19.**

The Maggie Moore & H. R. Roberts' Co

Of Australian players direct from Australia.

Opening production on a scale of sumptuous magnificence. The best adaptation of Mixed Grey's Sublime Story.

## THE SILENCE OF DEAN MAITLAND

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19, 20. Specially written for Mr. H. R. ROBERTS. Which ran for four weeks in Portland, Oregon.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, Dec. 21, 22.

## "DAVID GARRICK"

SATURDAY, Dec. 23.

## "A PRODIGAL FATHER"

# CHRISTMAS GOODS

Just Arrived at Oriental Bazaar, 90 Douglas Street and at Yokohama Bazaar, 152 Gov't St near Victoria Hotel.

## Best Place to get Japanese Fancy Goods

Special Reductions on Prices for this Month.

**BANKRUPT STOCK**

OF **BOOTS and SHOES**

Selling Cheap

**JEWELL BLOCK, Corner Yates and Douglas Sts.**

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS ONE Cent Per Word Per Insertion. Cash No Advertisement Inserted for Less Than Twenty-Five Cents.

## WANTED.

WANTED—For spot cash, the contents of a well furnished cottage or two-story residence. State lowest price. Address "Flag," Colonist office.

A MIDDLE-AGED MAN would like to buy an interest in some established business, where a small capital is required. Address "Business," this office.

TEACHER WANTED—As second assistant in the Kamloops public school. Applications will be received on or before December 20, 1899. Address J. K. Mitchell, Secretary Kamloops School Board.

WANTED—A strong young man, 17 to 20, to work about a wholesale house. Apply in own handwriting to Drawer 67, P.O.

WANTED—Positions for two bandmen of Fifth Regiment C.A. Apply to F. B. Gregory, Lt.-Col.

WANTED—Chamber work. Address "M," Colonist office.

WANTED—An office boy. Apply to Dr. O. M. Jones, 83 Fort Street.

WANTED—An experienced clothing salesman; must be fair window-dresser. Good wages given. References required. Apply 111 Government street.

WANTED—Immediately, 5 or 6 roomed cottage, pleasant locality; will buy furniture. Reply "Dawson," care of Colonist.

TENDERS—Will be received up to Monday, 18th inst., at the office of Lee & Fraser, 111 Front Street, for the purchase of a two-story building on Pioneer street, at rear of Mr. John Coburn's residence.

WANTED—Agents everywhere to handle our celebrated remedies, Renard Drug Co., 54 National Life Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Good nurse for one child. Apply to Mrs. Henderson, Bank of Montreal, Victoria, B.C.

WANTED—To rent, nicely furnished house; good location. Mrs. Stevens, Colonist.

WANTED—To purchase good business requiring moderate capital. Reply "Cash."

OUR NATIVE HERBS—Wanted, every one to know that this well known Blood Purifier and Liver Regulator can now be obtained in Victoria. Address of agent: Frank Oakden, Dawson Hotel, Yates street.

WANTED—Any kind of work, by the hour, as sweeping office, making bed, etc. Japanese Methodist Mission, 27 Broughton street.

HAVE YOUR BOOTS AND SHOES repaired by C. Nangle, the prize boot and shoemaker; he don't charge extra prices. Repairing Depot, 50 Fort street.

## LOST OR FOUND.

STRAYED—Four head of young cattle and one horse to the Craigflower farm. If not claimed and damages paid in ten days time will be sold.

## Resident Physician Wanted.

Applications will be received by the undersigned until the 28th December, inst., for the position of resident physician for Quesselle and surrounding district. The Provincial Government appropriate a yearly subsidy of five hundred dollars in support of a resident physician. Applicants to state qualifications and give references.

A. BARLOW, Quesselle Mouth, B. C., Dec. 2, 1899.

## TEACHER WANTED.

A vacancy in the teaching staff of the Victoria public schools will be filled immediately. Teachers holding first-class certificates may apply to F. H. EATON, Sec. Trustees, Victoria, B.C., December 15, 1899.

## Piano For Sale.

HIGHEST GRADE, UPRIGHT GRAND. Big reduction for cash, or will be sold on time.

R.C. PRINTING AND ENG. CORP., LTD., Province Building.

## The Victoria Philharmonic Society

Will Repeat By Special Request Semdale Bennett's Pastoral

## "THE MAY QUEEN"

At Institute Hall, on Tues. December 19th

AT 8:30 P. M.

## ADMISSION Throughout 50 CENTS

Tickets at Hibben's, Lombard's, Wall's and B. C. Stationery.

## THE REALY SINDICATE

Authorized Capital \$5,000,000.00 Assets, March 31, 1899 \$3,712,892.49 Capital paid in \$1,909,500.00 Receives sum from \$100 to \$10,000. Interest 6 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

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## Finance and Commerce

## WEEKLY TRADE REVIEWS.

New York, Dec. 15.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: "General trade in wholesale manufacturing lines is quieting down, but what is worth noting is undisturbed by the money situation, the influences of which have been confined to speculative circles. Holiday trade on the other hand, has been given a decided impetus and is being handled with the same period of preceding years are uniformly favorable. The strength of textiles is still a most notable feature of the general situation. Cotton goods are heavily sold ahead by agents and a very large spring business has already been booked. Raw cotton is firm and unchanged on the week. Manufactured goods, where not advanced, are firmly held. Wool is less active than of late, but prices are no less firm, and some of the finer grades are notably higher. The London market has closed at an advance over the last sale. Woolen goods share the strength of the raw material and are being sold in good quantities. Among the cereals has displayed a specially strong tone. Lard and pork are still higher than last week, and home receipts are rather smaller than expected. Wheat has been steady, partly on foreign crop reports reporting cold weather, partly because of the possibility of possible international disturbances." Dunn's review says: "Aside from a natural increase in the retail trade due to the approaching holidays business in Canada is only fairly satisfactory with whole-sale dealers, rather quiet and complacent. From many sections on account of unfavorable weather. St. John reports a fairly good business in the retail trade, excepting confectionery, but retail dealings are large and there is every prospect of a good holiday trade. While wholesale trade is only fair at Halifax, retail trade is improving in anticipation of the holidays, and collections are satisfactory. Wholesale trade is quiet and stock taking general."

## Eastern Share Markets.

(Reported by J. C. McKillop.)

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—	69 3/4	69 3/4	69 3/4	69 3/4
May—	69 3/4	69 3/4	69 3/4	69 3/4
Corn—	33 1/4	33 1/4	32 3/4	33 1/4
May—	33 1/4	33 1/4	32 3/4	33 1/4
Liverpool Wheat—	10.40	10.60	10.35	10.50
May—	10.40	10.60	10.35	10.50

New York, Dec. 15.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am. Sugar—	120 1/2	121 1/4	120 1/2	121 1/4
C. B. & Q.—	126 1/2	127 1/4	126 1/2	127 1/4
C. M. & St. P.—	119 1/2	120 1/4	119 1/2	120 1/4
Manhattan x d.—	97 1/2	98 1/4	97 1/2	98 1/4
People's Gas—	105 1/2	106 1/4	105 1/2	106 1/4
C. R. P. & P.—	108 1/2	109 1/4	108 1/2	109 1/4
Am. Tob.—	109 1/2	110 1/4	109 1/2	110 1/4
A. T. & S. P. pfd.—	61 1/2	62 1/4	61 1/2	62 1/4
A. T. pfd.—	74 1/2	75 1/4	74 1/2	75 1/4
Tenn. Coal & Iron—	20 1/2	21 1/4	20 1/2	21 1/4
Am. Steel—	81 1/2	82 1/4	81 1/2	82 1/4
B. & O.—	79 1/2	80 1/4	79 1/2	80 1/4
U. S. S.—	47 1/2	48 1/4	47 1/2	48 1/4
A. S. & W. com.—	38 1/2	39 1/4	38 1/2	39 1/4
Fed. Steel com.—	53 1/2	54 1/4	53 1/2	54 1/4

Money loaning at 6 to 7 per cent. Manhattan x d. today 1 1/2 per cent.

## QUIT DAY ON WATER FRONT.

Storm Delays Mainland Ferry—Willapa Sails North.

The Warspite and Phaeton arrived at Monterey on Monday last en route to South America.

Schooner Fred. J. Wood has arrived at Esquimalt, having been towed from the Sound by the tug Magic. The Wood will load for Santa Rosa.

C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Willapa sailed for Naas and way ports last evening with a light freight and passenger list. The Willapa will call at Kitimat on this trip.

The Umattila on her last up trip from San Francisco had but a light freight and passenger list, 24 of the latter debarking here. Forty-three tons of freight consigned to Victoria merchants were landed.

After a long voyage from the Hawaiian Islands, the steamship Toyo Maru, chartered by Dodwell & Co. to carry a cargo of salmon from Steveston to the United Kingdom, arrived at quarantine yesterday. The Toyo Maru afterwards left for the Fraser River.

The Walla Walla sailed for San Francisco last evening at 8 o'clock with the following passengers on this port: P. W. Holmes and family, Lieut. Tomkinson and wife, W. W. Holling, C. J. Packham, Miss Kane, Mrs. J. Evans and daughter, Miss V. Brant, J. Hyland, H. M. Aspen, T. Harris, McLeod party, W. P. Bolton, C. Borque, W. Sullivan, Buller E. Shaw and James Steele.

Yesterday was a rather quiet day along the water front, the storm having apparently a quieting effect among the shipping fraternity. The steamer Charmor did not get away to Vancouver until 6 a.m. yesterday, owing to the heavy snowstorm prevailing, and was consequently somewhat delayed in leaving the Terminal City on the return trip, not arriving last evening until 7 o'clock.

Representatives of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, Washington and Alaska Steamship Company, and Humboldt Steamship Company met at the office of the C. P. N. Co. yesterday for the regular monthly meeting of the Alaska Steamship Company. Only routine business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned to meet again at Seattle on January 2.

R. M. S. Warrimoo got away on her long voyage to southern seas early this morning, with a fair list of passengers and a good cargo, among the latter being 4,000 cases of salmon, which the steamer loaded at the outer wharf. The following passengers embarked at this port: R. Seabrook, Miss A. Williams, John Marks, W. B. Jones, A. W. Hume, D. R. Crampton, C. E. Featherstone, B. Grobriek, F. B. May, S. T. Webster, O. M. Harkness, G. P. Brosius and G. Darren.

## IT IS FOR YOU TO SAY.

You are the interested one, and it is for you to say where you will have your physician's prescriptions made. We make a special claim for this business, which must command your attention. Correct and self-evident dispensing is the rock on which we build our trade.

Kindly give us a call when you are in need of popular Toilet Preparations. Prices always satisfactory.

If you are weak, nervous, rheumatic or dyspeptic, use Paine's Celery Compound. Like thousands of others, we strongly recommend it as the best medicine.

Dean & Hiscocks, Druggists, Cor. Yates & Bro. d Sts. Victoria, B. C.

## PERSONAL.

John Deaton, of Chicago, is at the Hotel Victoria.

W. F. McCulloch returned from Vancouver last evening.

J. G. Lang, an assayer from Duncan, is registered at the Dominion.

T. McVeigh, of Nelson, registered at the New England last evening.

Mrs. H. T. Porter, of Wellington, was a passenger to the city yesterday.

Capt. White and E. L. Robinson, of the Lamanda, arrived at this Dominion.

Dr. Lewis Hall came over on the Charmor from Vancouver last evening.

Mrs. W. P. Jaynes and Mrs. Alexander, of Duncan, are visiting at the New England.

R. T. Ward, of the famous Horsely mine, Cariboo, is spending a few days at the Driard.

C. W. Cook and S. J. Maxwell, of Tacoma, and M. A. Neame, of London, are at the Hotel Driard.

S. Perry Mills and R. Jamieson were passengers by the Charmor from the Terminal City last evening.

Barrister D. G. Macdonnell and W. H. Malkin, a well known wholesaler of Vancouver, are at the Hotel Driard.

T. Trowbridge and F. Dimmick, of Seattle, after a brief stay at the Driard, returned home by the Victorian yesterday.

Capt. A. J. Martin, a veteran deep sea sailor, now making San Francisco his home, is spending a few days at the Charmor.

Mrs. J. H. Fox and Mrs. C. N. Jennings are among the Seattleites numbered at present among the guests of the Hotel Driard.

F. J. Armstrong, of New Westminster, and Alexander Ewen and Miss Ewen, of the Royal City, are among the Driard guests.

A. J. McLeod and John McRae, Vancouver mining men just returned from Dawson by the way of Seattle, are at the Hotel Victoria.

W. S. Ford, advance manager for the Moore-Roberts dramatic company, which is at the Victoria theatre next week, is at the Hotel Victoria.

Ed. Entwistle, of La. Conner, is registered at the Dominion. Mr. Entwistle intends bringing his family to Victoria and making it his home.

W. C. Wells, M.P.P., arrived from Palliser last evening. He enjoys the distinction of being the first of the up-country members to arrive for the session.

Mrs. Haggis and Miss Darrell, of Seattle, spent yesterday at the Hotel Victoria.

Mrs. Marshall being booked as a passenger for Australia by the Warrimoo.

C. G. Ballentyne, of Honolulu, a former resident and business man of this city, spent yesterday at the Driard, and is returning to the islands by the Warrimoo.

P. B. May, Bert Glascock, S. Webster and C. M. Harkness form a Portland, Ore., party spending yesterday at the Driard, on their way to Australia by the Warrimoo.

L. R. Crampton, a Johannesburg mining man, who thinks nothing of long distances, was at the Queens yesterday. He had just arrived from Dawson and made close connection with the Warrimoo for Australia.

Constant Mees and wife, of San Francisco, who are starting on a tour round the world, are guests at the Victoria. The first stage of their long journey will be to Australia, for which distant colony they are to be passengers by the Warrimoo.

Charles J. Packham, of the Hudson's Bay Company's boat and shoe department at Vancouver, is at the Hotel Victoria, on his way to San Francisco, where he will enjoy a holiday. H. McAlpin and J. McSteele, two other young Vancouverites, now at the Victoria, are also bound for the California city.

Mr. Perry, of Glenora, who is spending a few days at the Victoria, has recently made a discovery of great importance near his northern home, locating vast nickel deposits, which he will proceed to develop at the earliest possible date. Nickel has not heretofore been known to have a place among the mineral resources of Cassiar.

There was quite a large representation of marine men at the Hotel Victoria last evening, the party including Capt. Frank White, of Seattle, who is over on a short business trip; Capt. Chas. E. Peabody, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, Seattle; Capt. J. H. Cameron, of the ship Theobald; Capt. Michael Angelo, of the bark Caynor; Capt. J. James, of the Killarney; and Capt. William Herbert, of the Highland Light.

There is no uncertainty about Pynepetoral. It cures your cough quickly. All bronchial affections give way to the all-drugless. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

Banner Lodge, A. O. U. W.—Owing to the next regular meeting night falling on Christmas, this lodge will meet in their new quarters in the Knights of Pythias hall on Tuesday next, the 19th instant to complete the work of the present year. It is important that there should be a large attendance.

## ENGLISH A WORLD LANGUAGE.

Reasons for Believing it Will Soon Supplant French in Diplomacy.

From the Washington Times.

Considerable comment has been occasioned among officials of the state department within the past few days over the fact that the new commercial treaty between Mexico and China is written in English.

The use of the English language in drawing up international agreements is something unprecedented. French has had the distinction of being the diplomatic language, but the state department officials now think that the drafting of the Mexican-Chinese treaty marks the beginning of the end of the general use of the French in particular.

For the past 200 years in a large majority of negotiations looking toward the formation of international agreements, language of the French people has been widely used by diplomats in official correspondence and in the actual drawing of the treaty itself. This rule, while general, has not been universal, but the few exceptions have only gone to prove the rule. French has been the great social language. Nearly all men of education have been taught it, and in the social intercourse of Europe it has been generally spoken. From the fact that the diplomats of the world have been familiar with it, it has crept into diplomatic intercourse to the almost total exclusion of other languages.

The treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was written in French, as have also been the majority of international documents during the past two centuries. Within recent years a rule has been made in diplomacy by which a diplomatic representative in official correspondence may employ the language of his own country or that of any other country he chooses. Notwithstanding this rule the French has been retained in perhaps a majority of instances.

The German ambassador now uses German in his correspondence with the state department, and England's representative the English. The Swedish,

Norwegian, Russian, Belgian, Turkish, Italian and Greek diplomatic representatives all employ the French, while those of China and Japan use English.

In a large measure English is supplanting the French both as a social and commercial language. The statistics of the International Postal Union gave the number of letters addressed in English from all parts of the world as being about 75 per cent.

In foreign universities the tongue of the Anglo-Saxon race is taking the place of the French, and it is fast becoming the social medium of intercourse. From the general prevalence of the language it is thought that it will, before a quarter of a century, be the diplomatic language.

## MR. MOODY'S ILLNESS.

West Northfield, Mass., Nov. 15.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, has not been so well during the past few days, and complications have arisen which cause much anxiety.

## MEAT PACKERS ASSIGN.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The John P. Squire & Co. corporation and allied companies engaged in the meat and provision packing business, assigned to-day with liabilities at \$3,000,000 and assets at \$5,000,000. The business will be carried on by the assignee.

Will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. Carter's Little Liver Pills. This is not a lie, but truth. Take a dose. See advertisement. Small pill. Small dose. Small price.

Beautiful Haviland China at Weller Bros.

## C.P.N. Co., Ltd., Steamers

Will leave Turner Beeton & Co.'s wharf for Duea Skagway Wrangel

(Carrying Her Majesty's Mail) as follows:

"DANUBE," . . . . . Dec. 20.

"TEES," . . . . . Dec. 27.

At 8 o'clock p. m.

AND FROM VANCOUVER ON FOLLOWING DAYS.

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THIS WAR.

The news this morning from Gen. Buller is discouraging. Three of our four columns have met with serious checks, and that of Gen. Buller appears to have been the worst in one respect, namely in his being compelled to abandon ten of his guns.

Those who believe that misfortunes come in triplets will be predisposed to accept the story. Let us hope that this will be the last of the series. The news is completely out of keeping with what we have had from Natal during the last week. We were told that Buller and White were in touch, that the Ladysmith garrison was able to inflict severe blows upon the enemy and to destroy the bridges on their lines of communication. Yesterday the despatches said that Buller had shelled the Boer position at Colenso on the 13th without receiving any reply. Whence, then, came the force which prevented the crossing of the Tugela?

We have no desire to minimize the serious character of the checks which our columns have received, but such things are a part of the fortunes of war, and show the extreme difficulty of forcing entrenched positions held by an army with modern weapons. We must conquer in spite of these tremendous difficulties. If the task is more difficult than was anticipated in view of the splendid defence made by Mafeking, Kimberley and Ladysmith and the brilliant work of our infantry at Talana Hill, Elands-laagte, Belmont and Giespan, it only renders our duty plainer. We have entered upon an undertaking of great magnitude and must go on until we win.

TO-NIGHT'S MEETING.

The meeting to-night to be addressed by Sir Charles Tupper will undoubtedly be attended by an audience that will be limited only by the capacity of the Victoria theatre. It will be attended not only by Conservatives but by Liberals as well. Indeed, we should be glad to see as many Liberals there as possible, for the truths which Sir Charles will drive home in his vigorous fashion will go far to show them the error of their political ways.

Victoria ought to-night to show her fidelity to Conservative principles and the Conservative party in a way that will admit of no misunderstanding. The progress of our veteran leader is being watched with great interest from ocean to ocean, and the extreme West ought by the heartiness of its demonstration to-night to send a message of encouragement to the East.

The movement for a restoration to power of the Conservative party and a revival of administration upon national and progressive lines is advancing grandly. A wave of Conservative success is sweeping the Dominion. Prince Edward's Island, Ontario and Manitoba have given evidence of its force. British Columbia is only waiting the opportunity to show that it repents the error of 1896, which sent four cogs in a political machine to Ottawa instead of four representatives of the people.

A LESSON IN TRADE.

The exports of cheese and butter from Canada this year will amount in value to about \$20,000,000, an increase of \$4,500,000 over last year. The increase is principally on butter. Our cheese trade has been larger for some years. In 1891 it had reached 1,712,715 boxes. In 1897 the number of boxes was 2,102,985. There was a falling off in 1898, but in 1899 an increase is to be noted over the previous year, the export of 1899 being 1,896,496 boxes. The export of butter has shown a remarkable growth. In 1895 the number of packages exported was only 69,654. In the following year it was 157,321; it was 225,268 in 1897, 278,922 in 1898, and 471,350 in 1899. This is a gratifying and very instructive showing. It is not due to any tariff changes or preferential scheme or anything else except the application of ordinary sound business sense to the dairy business. In Prof. Robertson the department of agriculture has an official who has known how to push the dairy interest to the front. He has been in this country long enough to understand his business thoroughly, and the dairymen are every year enjoying more and more of the benefits of his accumulated experience. Mr. Robertson has studied the British market and has shown our dairymen how to meet its requirements, and the results are seen in the fact that our dairy products are rapidly advancing towards the first place in our exports.

The lesson of this is that a good trade can be developed in a line of products only by studying the market, and also that it is idle to say that there is no market for any commodity until the attempt to meet the demands of possible customers has been made in an intelligent and business-like way. We only mention the matter and draw attention to the fact that the Orient offers a field for Canadian products that may prove just as valuable as the British market has for cheese and butter. Those who remember when the effort was first made to reach the latter many wise people prophesied disastrous failure.

RAIL TO THE NORTH.

Reports received during the year fully support the claim recently made in United States papers that the whole of Southeastern Alaska is likely to be the scene of mining operations. That extensive deposits of low-grade ore are available at various points is beyond any doubt, and that low-grade ore is highly profitable, if it is found in sufficient quantity, has been demonstrated by the great success of the Treadwell mine. Speaking in a general way, a gold-bearing stratum may be said to occur all along the line of the mountain elevations on the islands and mainland of Southeastern Alaska. Nearly three years ago the Colonist drew attention to this, venturing the prediction that the same condition would be found to exist on the eastern side of the mountain chain, and the discoveries in Atlin have since confirmed this theory. We believe that just as exploration is disclosing that the gold-bearing rocks are found all the way along the coast from Lynn Canal to Prince of Wales Island, and westward in the archipelago as far as Baranoff Island, so it will be found before long that the formation which carries gold in Atlin extends southeastward on the east side of the Coast Range, possibly all the way to the Fraser. However this may be, there is abundant evidence that the gold mining industry of the Northwest Coast is only in its infancy. It is likely to increase very rapidly during the next few years.

We have already shown by statistics, the correctness of which cannot be called in question, that Victoria has the lion's share of the trade of the northern Canadian gold fields. We cannot expect to secure very much of the business that will be developed in the territory of the United States, but we may look forward to some of the advantages flowing from it. Hitherto Seattle has handled the greater part of the north-bound business to Alaskan points, and this has been due to that city's position as the terminal of all, or nearly all, lines of communication from across the line. The probability now is that another line of communication, much quicker than that by way of Seattle, will be established, and it will be utilized by Portland, San Francisco and other points in the United States. The Southern Pacific will seek its share of this northern business, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, which is now reaching out for western business, will see in it a profitable field. The route to which we refer is that which will be established by the construction of the Port Angeles Eastern railway, the extension of the E. & N. railway to the north end of the Island, and the establishment of ferry connection between these two railways. When this route has been established, there will be a fleet of steamers plying from the north end of the Island to points in Alaska as well as to points on our own Mainland. President Shaulnessy, of the C. P. R., recognizes the importance of the railway to the north of the Island, and when in Victoria a short time ago expressed his belief that the people of this city ought to make a determined effort to secure its construction. Other well-known authorities in transportation matters entertain the same view. We are strongly of the opinion that a railway to the north end of the Island, with branches to points on the West Coast and ferry connection with the Port Angeles Eastern, is the most important project that can be suggested in the interests of Victoria, except a new transcontinental line following the proposed route of the British Pacific.

To secure the early construction of such a line should be the end and aim of every resident of the city of Victoria. As a purely local road a line to the north of the Island would in time prove a good piece of property, but unless it is very heavily subsidized no capitalists are likely to take the project up for some time to come. The men who are expected to invest their money in such a road must be shown that there is a prospect of getting some return from it without waiting for the development of the country through which the line runs. This can be shown when a southern connection is secured. Suppose the promoters of such a railway were in a position to go into the money market and point out that an unbroken line of rail, for the ferry across the Strait would not be a break in it, had been secured from a point on a transcontinental railway in the United States to a point on this Island only 171 miles from its northern extremity and within a short run by steamer of Alaska; and that a trade to the amount of tens of thousands of tons was already being carried to the North, and a great host of passengers are moving both ways all the time, with a certainty of a rapid and enormous increase in both lines of traffic, is it not highly probable that the requisite capital could be easily obtained, especially as there is every reason to believe that a fair subsidy can be obtained from the federal parliament for such a line? We think that an affirmative answer will be given to this question.

Under these circumstances the people of Victoria seem to have resting upon them a two-fold duty. It is to do what can be reasonably asked of them towards securing the necessary ferry connection, and to use their influence towards procuring the granting of a subsidy from parliament at its next session.

If this is done, the construction of a railway to the north end of the Island will be begun in the very near future, and this of itself will be a great thing for this city merely because of the local business which will be developed thereby. Such a line would do more than anything else that can be suggested to secure the supremacy of our city in the commerce of our own northern gold fields. It would make Victoria the headquarters of that trade. We know that

some people are unable to see that it will be of any advantage to the city to have the trade between the United States and Alaska pass this way, but such persons take a very circumscribed view of the case. The same people never look any further away than Seattle when they think of the United States. They forget that Seattle is not a place where traffic originates, but is only a way station where goods are transferred from the rail to steamers, through the medium of wholesalers. It will not be long before Alaska will have its own wholesale houses, which will buy their goods direct from manufacturers, and they will transport them by the quickest and cheapest routes. We do not claim that the Vancouver Island route is likely to be any cheaper for freight than any other, because these things always adjust themselves to an equality; but it will be by all odds the quickest route, and even in this respect never have any competitor. For passenger, express and mail carriage, no other route can hope to rival it. It is hardly worth while to address any argument to those who think that it would be of no advantage to this city to have all the tide of travel to and from the North, except such as goes via the Canadian Pacific, and even much of that, pass this way. We are sure of this, that if the people of Victoria hold such a view they are the only people on the Pacific Coast who would not feel the benefit to be such that a great effort ought to be made to secure it. This is the chief question now before the people of this city. In 1900 it will be decided one way or the other.

The Revelstoke Mail says the Colonist is the only Conservative paper in British Columbia that favors federal lines in local policies. We beg to remind the Mail that the Colonist's editorials are printed on page 4 of each issue.

An Interior paper refers to Premier Selkirk as "Charley." It is not a very important matter, perhaps, but we think the newspapers of British Columbia should refrain from the habit of speaking of public men by familiar nicknames.

A correspondent sends a clipping from an Aberdeen paper, in which the selling of kisses at a patriotic entertainment is mentioned, and he puts the idea forward as "a pointer for the next patriotic concert." We note that Mr. Charles Morton was among the persons whose kisses were sold, and as this is the new feature of the case, it is to be presumed that our correspondent thinks that the concert committee might with propriety offer their kisses for sale. This is a somewhat delicate matter. The only unmarried members of the committee are Lieut.-Col. Gregory and Lieut. T. Pooley, and until we have had an opportunity of asking them if they will present their blushing cheeks to fair maidens at an upset price and in the presence of several thousand people, we decline to express any opinion as to the feasibility of the scheme. If they should decline, it is possible that Alderman Hayward, the treasurer of the committee, might in view of his municipal aspirations play the role of Barkis and be "willin'."

EXAMINE THE TONGUE.

The skilled physician reads your condition by a glance at your tongue. If it is coated and you have a bitter taste in your mouth, you are likely to find your liver is torpid and sluggish and prescribes the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They cure biliousness, stomach troubles, and all liver and kidney disorders. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box. At all dealers.

The most persistent advertisers the world over are those who believe in their goods. That is why you hear so much of "Hondt" Ceylon Tea. It is all that is claimed for it.

THE QUEEN'S GIFT.

To the Transvaal Troops Includes the Colonial Contingents—Modesty of the Supplying Firms.

The secretary of state for war desires it to be known that it is Her Majesty's intention to include the men of the naval contingents and of the colonial force in South Africa among the recipients of her gift.

The Queen's order for chocolate for the troops had been divided among the firms of Cadbury, Fry and Rowntree. The chocolate, which will be suitable either as a beverage or a sweetmeat, will be supplied in tin boxes, each containing half a pound, a quantity sufficient to make from 12 to 16 cups. The tins will be of oblong shape, printed in decorative designs, and the groundwork being red, with a border of blue and silver. Upon the centre of the lid will be an embossed medallion of Her Majesty. On one side of that central decoration will be the monogram "V. R. L." and upon the other side the words "South Africa, 1900." As 100,000 of these gifts will be required, there were many difficulties to be surmounted before the arrangements could be completed, the time remaining for the manufacture of the tins being so short, but everything has now been settled. The contract for the tins has been divided among three English firms, of which one is Messrs. Hudson, Scott & Sons, Ltd., of Carlisle, whose share of the work will be the manufacture and printing of 90,000 tins. No more tins will be made than are required, and on completion of the contract the dies will be broken.

Messrs. Cadbury have declined to make statements for publication with reference to the Queen's gift, and Mr. George Cadbury is of opinion that Messrs. Fry agree with them. He is a member of the Peace Society, and would be very sorry to make any personal profit of any kind out of the transaction. He regards the idea of the Queen as a beautiful one. In the first instance he suggested that the name of the firm should not appear on the chocolate or even on the tin boxes, but this was overruled. Her Majesty wished that the soldiers to see where the gift came from, so that they should not think they were receiving something of inferior quality. Messrs. Rowntree have also decided to supply the chocolate at cost price, and hope to deliver their consignment in a month. It is against the principles of the firm to contract for the army. They take no part in anything directly concerned with war, but they regard this as a private matter.

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[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.0 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Saturday, Dec. 16.		Sunday, Dec. 17.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
4:10 a.m.	9.9 feet.	5:30 a.m.	10.0 feet.
8:00 a.m.	9.3 feet.	8:30 a.m.	9.2 feet.
1:00 p.m.	9.3 feet.	1:40 p.m.	8.8 feet.
9:00 p.m.	1.2 feet.	9:30 p.m.	1.4 feet.

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Get your tickets for the Sons and Daughters of St. George's annual New Year's ball. Double tickets, \$1; extra lady, 50 cents.

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thus far this season on the creek claims, which is reported in another column.

A Brisk Trade.—Local shoe dealers reaped a harvest yesterday, the snowfall having created a great demand for rubber foot-gear and strong boots.

Drill hall concert to-night. Good music, great "extras."

Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, any time before Xmas. Bring the children with you. It will delight them and please you.

Petty Offenders.—Two penitent drunks paid the penalty of their misdemeanor in the city police court yesterday morning; and a Chinaman accused of petty thieving was granted a remand until the 18th instant.

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Cancelled Attractions.—Several football matches had been arranged for this afternoon, but on account of the unanticipated snowfall will necessarily be cancelled. The regular weekly run of the Victoria Hunt Club is also postponed.

Will Be Repeated.—Sterilized Bennett's "May Queen," so well received on Thursday evening last, will be repeated by the Philharmonic Society on Tuesday evening next at 8:30, in Institute hall. The admission throughout the hall will be 50 cents.

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District Licensing Board.—At the meeting of the licensing board of South Victoria district held yesterday afternoon at the provincial police office two renewals were granted, one to Joseph Rowland, of Burnside road, and one to Louis Duval, of Royal Oak. W. H. Muller, of the Victoria Gardens, was granted a new license.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Grace Barwis took place yesterday from her daughter's residence, Alpha street, Burnside road. The Rev. W. H. Barralough officiated there and at Ross Bay cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest. Messrs. R. Kayton, W. Mercer, J. Foster and R. J. W. Atwood were the pall-bearers.

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Providing for a Pioneer.—His Worship the Mayor has formally evidenced his intention of taking action to provide for Mr. H. W. Sheppard on his retirement from the position of chief of police, in recognition of his long and efficient service to the city. Notice has been bulletined of a resolution which will be recommended to the council on Monday night, to the effect that Mr. Sheppard be appointed Chinook interpreter and to assist in police court prosecutions, at an annual salary of \$800.

Ladies are especially invited to attend the political meeting at the Victoria theatre this evening to be addressed by Sir Charles Tupper, Bart.

A British Columbia Editor.—Arrangements have lately been completed by the Educational Journal of Western Canada, by which Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, principal of the South Park school in this city, will act as associate editor of that publication for British Columbia. She will have the active assistance of the leading members of the teaching profession in British Columbia, and the cordial good wishes and support of Superintendent Robinson. In the current issue of the Journal Miss Cameron has a very readable and practical paper on the study of history, the other contributors of the month including J. W. Bengough, L. H. J. Minchin, M. MacLachlan, Augustus H. Ball and H. S. MacLennan.

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A Snowy Christmas.—Although the gentlemen of the meteorological office said nothing about snow in their predictions for yesterday—the forecast being for "Easterly winds increasing in violence on the Coast, unsettled, with rains"—the snow has come unheralded, and all the indications are for a snowy Christmas. Even now, after 24 hours of intermittent snowfall, the streets and buildings are draped in white; and the fortunate owners of runnery vehicles are preparing for the delights of sleigh-riding. The roads of the Victoria, however, in their present condition, and the frozen men are hoping for no alarm until either runners or wheels can be depended upon. As yet neither can. The runners have been got ready, however, and extra horses are available to attach to the apparatus should duty call. On the line of the E. & N., some heavy snow has already accumulated, although not sufficient to delay the trains.

Hear Sir Charles Tupper, the great Conservative leader at the Victoria theatre this evening.

A Sterling Attraction.—The expectation spoken of in the Colonist of Sunday last, that the Moore-Roberts Dramatic Company would be secured for practically all of next week at the Victoria, has been confirmed, a contract having been made with Manager Jamieson for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturday matinee and Saturday evening, Monday having been previously taken by the Rays in "A Hot Old Time." The first two performances will be of "The Silence of Dean Maitland"; David Garrick being given on Thursday and Friday, and "The Prodigious Father" on Saturday. The company is unquestionably the finest dramatic organization ever got together in Australia, from which distant colony it is but recently arrived. It is notable also in being composed—with the single exception of "Magnetic Maggie" Moore, who is a San Francisco girl—entirely of Australian-born artists. Mr. Roberts being pronounced easily the best actor the southern colony has yet produced. The piece chosen for the opening is a special dramatization of Maxwell Gray's famous work, "The Silence of Dean Maitland," a strong play and true to nature. It was made a great success in Australia and New Zealand, and gives promise of being a sensation in this country. It enjoyed a 17 nights' run in Portland, Ore., which is a record for one play in that near-by city.

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Wounded; Not Killed.—Flag-Capt. Prothero, of the British cruiser Doris, was not killed, as had been stated in press despatches, but escaped with a bullet wound in the shoulder. This information was received yesterday by his brother, Mr. Ernest Prothero, who is located in Victoria.

Trades Council.—At a special meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council last evening, Messrs. Ed. Harup and T. H. Twigg were appointed to represent the council at Vancouver at a convention to be held on Wednesday, the 20th. The object of the convention is to discuss a proposal to request the provincial government to amend the British Columbia Conciliation and Arbitration act, to make it more workable, and also to discuss other labor questions. At the meeting Mr. Charles A. Derry, organizer of the Fifteenth district of the International Typographical Union, and a representative of the Central Labor Union of Seattle, addressed the council.

Hear Sir Charles Tupper, the great Conservative leader at the Victoria theatre this evening.

The Rays on Monday.—A really up-to-date comedy—and an up-to-date company—is the Rays' "Hot Old Time," which will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Monday night. The fun is fast and furious, and a laugh a minute is guaranteed. Just one of those pieces every theatre-goer likes—no tears, all laughs, full of surprises, good music and high-class specialties. There are also many pretty girls in handsome costumes. In fact, taking it all in all, it is a live one. The management has engaged for this season's tour a most excellent company of artists, including John W. Jess, the Rajah of Irish comedians; W. Wallace Black, the phenomenal bassor; Ada Moore and Pearl Ryare, John and Bertha Gleason, the world's greatest dancers and cake-walkers; Hyberta Pryme, singing comedienne; and the greatest of all novelty dancers, Miss Annie St. Tel, known as the "Bounding Antelope."

Matinee at Savoy Theatre 2:30 this afternoon.

Christmas Cheer.—Owing to the unexpected action of the school board in not allowing the school children to contribute the usual Christmas gifts, the Friendly Help Association is left without any special gifts for those who are needy and looking forward to them, these gifts being in many instances the only Christmas some people have, and there will be many sad little hearts left to deplore the action above mentioned. But this need not prevent the children from carrying out their very laudable and charitable intentions, for if they still wish to contribute, the members will be in attendance at the Friendly Help room, No. 40 market hall, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 18, 19 and 20, from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., to receive any donations that kind little friends may feel disposed to bring. Gifts from any other friends, as well as from the children, will be most thankfully received.

Ladies are especially invited to attend the political meeting at the Victoria theatre this evening, to be addressed by Sir Charles Tupper, Bart.

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# Creek Mining In Klondike.

Progress of Winter Work on Main  
Streams as Reported up  
to November 15

Machinery is to be Used in Con-  
ducting Operations by Many  
Claim Owners.

The Klondike Nugget of November 15, a copy of which was kindly loaned the Colonist by Mr. A. H. McNeil, who has just returned from Dawson, contains a very interesting resume of the work done so far this season on some of the principal creeks in the far northern district.

Winter work on the creeks is progressing actively. The trails are in good condition, and no trouble is being encountered in transporting machinery from Dawson. The principal claims have employed their forces of men this season. Unquestionably, larger dumps will be taken out this winter than there have been during any of the past years. This will be due to the improved methods of mining, which will prevail this season on all of the rich properties. It is also true that many claims, which in the past were worked profitably in the past will be operated to advantage this winter with steam thawers. Many expect that the introduction of machinery will increase materially the value of all ground which contains any prospects at all.

There has been much doubt respecting the richness of Monte Cristo hill. Undoubtedly there have been some very rich pans of dirt washed; but in many instances the rich pay is spotted, and is found in small pockets. No uniform nor regular paystreak of great value has been uncovered. The most damaging fact against this locality is the nearly every claim has changed hands during the past year. However, there are many properties of great value.

Mr. William Barr and others recently purchased the Baldwin claim. One shaft has been sunk to bedrock, and the results have been most gratifying to owners. They claim three feet of pay dirt, part of which will run \$2 to the pan.

The claim owned by George Manson & Co., is considered to be one of the richest in this vicinity. Before the freeze-up last fall the owners are said to have received \$120 per day to the rocker out of three feet and a half of gravel.

Those who own the claim are conducting operations on a portion of it. They are engaged now in sinking one hole, which has attained a depth of 50 feet, and they expect to reach bedrock at 75 feet. A number of days have been let on the claim. Messrs. Hester, Harwick and Capt. Wand, of the steamer Ora, have one of the days. They will operate with machinery, and are very confident of success. Mr. Hester, the merchant of Dawson, also has a lay on a piece of the property. He has moved his machinery to the claim, and will commence working in a very short time. Another lay has been let to Messrs. McDonald and Dunham, who have almost completed preparations for winter's work.

The claim property, the north side of which adjoins the Manson claim, is being worked by Anderson & Co., the owners. They have rich prospects, and plenty of gravel. Extensive operations are being conducted on the McLeachan claim, which lies east of the Manson property.

Koen & Co. are working a large force of men on what is known as the Frenchman's claim. Good pay has been struck on this particular property.

Bloomfield & Co. are operating with machinery, and are taking out rich pay. Their claim is immediately west of the Manson property.

The Haigh claim, which produced so well last winter, is now owned by Ed. McConnell. He is preparing to work it this season.

Many properties on Hester creek, which empties into Hunker at No. 60 below, will be worked during the present winter. There are about 20 claims on Hester. Those from No. 1 to No. 10 will be thoroughly prospected.

Some pieces of ground in this locality have proven valuable. The hillside, off of No. 10, owned by Mr. Lind, is considered rich. Recently he acquired creek claim No. 8, and he expects to work it successfully this season. Creek claim No. 7 is one of the best properties in this vicinity. The dirt has panned 75 cents. A number of lay-men are operating on Hester, but as a general rule, the ground is being developed by owners.

Recent report from Gold Run affirms that practically every claim from No. 11 to No. 50 will be worked this winter. Even many claims above No. 50 will be developed, the operations extending as far as No. 75. Some fine prospects have been taken from the pup at No. 58. This is also true of Whitman creek, which empties at No. 28 on the left limit. The hillside on the left limit are being prospected diligently. Many claims will be worked with machinery.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Raffle This Evening.—The diamond pin for which tickets have been sold will be raffled at the Grotto saloon this evening.

Dismissed Early.—Teachers at various public schools yesterday very considerably dismissed the pupils a half-hour earlier than usual for the noon recess on account of the snow.

Death's Hand.—Mrs. David Breckenridge, 21 years of age, a native of Nebraska, died yesterday after a brief illness at the home of her father, James Barker, Strawberry Vale. Due notice of funeral will be given.

Matinee at the Savoy.—The management of the Savoy, encouraged by the large attendance last Saturday, announce another matinee performance for this afternoon at 2:30, when the entire bill as presented nightly this week will be offered. For next week the house will have 11 new people, including the five St. Leons—presenting the greatest bill of the year and remaining for the holiday week.

To-night's Promenade.—An excellent programme has been arranged for to-night's promenade concert at the Drill hall. Miss Edith Lombard and Miss Sophie McNeil will form the "extra attractions," and it is safe to predict a bumper house at this popular place of amusement this evening. Appended is the complete programme:

PART I.  
Overture—"Morning, Noon and Night"  
(a) Intermezzo—"The Rose Tree"  
(b) Chorus—"Polish Dance"  
(c) Scherzetto—"Scherzetto"  
(d) Selection—"Amorita"  
(e) Vocal Solo—"Czibulka"  
(f) Masquerade—Miss Sophie McNeil.

PART II.  
Selection fr. "The Belle of New York"  
(a) Vocal Solo—Kerker  
(b) "Chamundee"  
(c) "Spring Song"  
(d) Waltzes—"The Cloister"  
(e) Popular Selection—"Passepied"  
(f) "God Save the Queen."

A Returned Passenger.—Among the Warimoo's passengers for Australia on the present trip is an unhappy old woman, Bridget Brennan by name, whose admission on the ground of insanity, after a long stay in the Warimoo came in so ill that she had to go to St. Joseph's hospital for several days. Her destination was San Francisco, and when the Umatilla last went down to California she was a passenger. At San Francisco the government officials refused her admission on the ground of insanity, although from her manner and conversation one would not judge her insane, but rather a feeble-minded, troubled old woman, capable of harming neither herself nor anyone else. When the Umatilla returned here Thursday night she was landed at the outer wharf, and seeing not to know where to go, was taken in charge by the police for safe-keeping. Yesterday Dr. Fraser pronounced her mental health not what it should be, and a consultation of officials resulted in the decision that it was best she should return to Sydney, where her friends and relatives reside. Miss Brennan had no special plans in coming to America, that she disclosed in conversation. She had been in poor health for some time, she said, and thought the California climate might suit her. She was far from being a charge upon anyone, for although she had but 40 cents in money in her pocketbook, and wore poor clothes of faded black, she carried a draft for \$500, made by the Bank of New South Wales upon the London and San Francisco bank. This draft returns to Australia by her.

E. J. GRAY KILLED.  
Prominent Victorian Victim of Fatal Accident at Cariboo Crossing.

Victorians were shocked yesterday to learn of the tragic death of a well-known citizen at Cariboo Crossing on November 29. The news telling of the fatal accident which cut off E. J. Gray, who went north to superintend work for the Bennett Lake & Klondike Company, was brought down by passengers by the last steamer to arrive at the Sound from the North. The unfortunate man, who leaves a wife and a family of five in this city, was employed at the time of the accident in sawing lumber at Otto Partridge's mill at Cariboo Crossing, a rough board flying backward and striking him in the temple, killing him instantly.

Particulars of the sad affair were received by Postmaster Shakespeare, friend of the deceased, from Mr. Partridge in a letter dated November 30. The writer says: "Mr. E. J. Gray, who has been in charge of my mill in this neighborhood since he left the service of the Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Company last month, has frequently mentioned your name as one to whom he was indebted for many kindnesses and as knowing himself and family well. This must be my excuse for asking you to undertake a very painful task. It is with the deepest regret that I have to communicate to his friends the sad news of poor Gray's instantaneous death from an accident in his mill yesterday morning (November 29). A rough board was caught by the saw and whirled backward with terrific force, striking Mr. Gray, who was sawing, full on the temple, and killing him instantly. There was absolutely no hope of life, and though everything that could possibly be done was attempted, it was soon seen to be vain. I came down here by steamer last night to summon the coroner from Tagish police post and as soon as the inquest is concluded will take his body to Skagway, from where—if no contrary instructions should come from Victoria—I will forward it to Victoria. I can only add that he commanded the liking and respect of everyone here, and sorrow at his death is universal."

Deceased was a prominent member of the Centennial Methodist church, being for a number of years superintendent of the Sunday school; and his untimely end will be mourned by hundreds of warm friends in Victoria.

The late E. J. Gray was born in London, Eng., 45 years ago. Coming with his father, the late Samuel Gray, to America at an early age, he lived with the family for some years in Chicago and California. For the past 15 years he had been engaged in mill work in Victoria, conducting, with his father, the well-known Gray mills on the corner of Government and Chatham streets.

A particularly painful feature of the affair is the fact that Mrs. Gray has been expecting the deceased home from the North by every steamer, and she is in consequence heartbroken at the awful tidings conveyed to her yesterday morning by friends, who sympathize with her self and family most keen in the great trouble which has overtaken them.

The body will arrive on Tuesday next, and the funeral will be held probably on Wednesday, with special services at the Centennial Methodist church, Gorge road.

# A So-Called Reading Room.

An Improvement That Could be  
Made Without Crippling  
Victoria.

Inadequacy of the Public Read-  
ing Room at the  
City Hall.

For some years past the city has maintained a "happy-go-lucky" way a reading room in connection with the public library at the City hall. Even in its present condition, this reading room is well patronized, almost every chair being occupied when a representative of the Colonist dropped in on Thursday afternoon. There is considerable reading matter scattered about, but most of it consists of ancient periodicals and the files are sadly suffering from neglect, in fact, there are no proper files, the papers being simply thrown together on the tables. A few dollars expended on files and an hour spent by some official each day in filing the papers and periodicals received would make the public reading room a far more attractive place, and would be a boon to those who have no other place in which to spend their afternoons and evenings.

Attention was first attracted to this matter by the following letter to the editor of the Colonist:

Sir: I wonder if it has ever occurred to the good people of the city that there are a great many who would appreciate a little consideration on the part of those who are responsible for the maintenance of the public library reading room. As it is at present supplied it is a disgrace to the people of the city who periodically do themselves proud on matters of progress and up-to-dateness. It seems no system is observed in filing; the few newspapers are always in a litter. There are no books and no magazines. Four copies of the "Universal Brotherhood" shoved away in a corner, an ancient number of the Forum, torn to tatters, and a Christian Science Monthly, are the only magazines in the room. Assuredly some one has recognized that newspapers alone cannot possibly satisfy the demands of the average habitue, and to make the place more uninviting still the fireplace not infrequently emits a suffocating smoke into the room, as if it were in league with the powers that be to deprive the weary visitor of rest and refreshment.

Victoria takes pride in the advent of the "distinguished visitor," since it gives her the opportunity to spread herself in sundry "interviews" and improvements and advantages. Well, sir, if the "distinguished visitor" were to drop into the public reading room he would carry away a very poor opinion of the literary culture of the people.

If those who are in charge cannot or will not move in the matter, then the young ladies of the city ought to step in and organize a movement to obtain funds by popular subscription to be devoted to the purchase of suitable books and a regular supply of magazines and representative papers.

To those who are making money too fast to read anything but the morning papers, and have homes and libraries of their own, this question may seem too insignificant to be looked into.

Here is a chance to carry out a practical reform, a reform that one enthusiastic person could carry out successfully.

AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRESS.  
Recent Advancements Giving the United States New Rank Among the Powers.

From the Marine Review.

The greatest hero in the naval history of America returns from the victory that won his fame to find the navy of his country at the end of the first epoch of a development which for rapidity and scope is without a parallel among the nations of the earth. In the comparatively brief space of time since Admiral Dewey departed from this country for the Orient the tangible effective naval strength of the United States has increased almost one-third. Much of the increase, it is true, was necessitated by the exigencies of a suddenly precipitated war. The conflict, short in duration, would have been of inestimable benefit had the result been nothing more than the arousal of general public interest in the growth and welfare of the navy so strikingly portrayed by the addition since made to our fighting strength upon the water.

To all intents and purposes the United States is now the third naval power of the world. Germany is a vigilant, active, aggressive rival, whose energy in this direction, constantly fostered by a ruling power, may be expected to increase rather than diminish. Japan, the great continental power of the other hemisphere, is annihilating with giant strides the medium of our supremacy. But for all that the United States will continue, for some time at least, to be excelled as a naval power only by Great Britain and France.

The full strength of the navy of the United States now amounts to 212 vessels of all kinds, built and building. Of this number 189 are in the regular navy and 23 constitute the auxiliary force, for the accumulation of which we are largely indebted to the necessities of the Spanish-American war. Something of the pace at which we are moving forward may be imagined when it is stated that roughly estimated the existing naval fleet represents an expenditure of about \$125,000,000, and yet there are now under construction or awaiting formal acceptance by the government more than half a hundred war vessels, the contract price for which, inclusive of armor and armament, is in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000.

The war almost doubled the aggregate of men on our war vessels. At its outset the complement was 12,500 men, but in the summer of 1898 it reached the maximum figure of 24,123 men. Since that time it has, of course, decreased considerably, but the incoming congress is expected to authorize a permanent naval strength of upward of 20,000 men. Nor, in passing, should mention be omitted of the success which has attended the amalgamation of the line and staff. An experiment, watched by students of naval administration everywhere, its beneficial effects have been discernible instantaneously.

For the future bright hopes may be based upon the most favorable indications. Congressmen have been spending the summer of 1899 in the study of naval science abroad. Places on the

naval committee have been eagerly sought. Already a new atmosphere of liberality and intelligence characterizes the consideration of naval problems and affords ground for hope that it never again will the march of progress be retarded by such a lack of knowledge as made possible the late fiasco relative to the limitation of armor pieces.

New battleships, armored and protected cruisers are to be constructed. Each class is quite certain to mark a step forward in the science of building vessels of war. Rear-Admiral George W. Melville declares to the Review that the new battleships should be of 20 knots speed; that they should carry large batteries of rapid-fire guns; have ample coal bunker capacity and be fitted with triple screws—radical, revolutionary measures, all, but vital in influence if success follow.

Already the eyes of every naval officer across the Atlantic are upon us. Within the past month two of our new battleships have exceeded contract speed. The practicability of that most novel of ideas the superdreadnought turrets of the Kearsarge will soon be put to the test. We are preparing to outdo the British in the line of thoroughness of our experiments with liquid fuel and wireless telegraphy. Finally, we are investigating the possibilities of the submarine boat and our conclusions will have enhanced value, because they will be characterized by neither the enthusiastic optimism of the French or the cynicism of the conservative Britons.

For well-rounded naval development every essential must be adequate. Thus there is no greater cause for congratulation than over the manner in which the shipyards in America have met the requirements imposed by new conditions. The past few years have seen no less than half a dozen firms actively engaged upon naval contracts, although their previous experience has been entirely confined to mercantile craft. Several of them, at the initial attempt, constructed vessels which exceeded contract speed.

Heretofore the powers have charged us with being deficient in the matter of diversity of strength in our naval fleet. This is true no longer, for with the completion of the vessels now on the stocks we will have more than half a hundred torpedo boats and destroyers. Here, too, American builders have been daring, for who will contend that it is not venturous to guarantee a speed in excess of 30 knots on a smaller displacement than has ever before been attempted by any shipbuilder the world over—and that, too, when the contract is the first of the torpedo-boat kind for the firm undertaking it?

Even down to the details the United States navy will be unique. No other nation has found so appropriate a form of designation for its fighting craft. Our states have given us names for two dozen, two score of our cities have namesakes in the navy, and, finally, no less than 30 of our naval heroes have had their names commemorated by war vessels. It is a novel navy and a magnificent one, and with its strength considered, it is the most interesting on the waters of the earth.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAIN.  
Third Annual Ball of the Fifth Regiment Held in the Drill Hall Last Evening.

The annual ball inaugurated three years ago by the non-commissioned officers and men of the Fifth Regiment is increasing in popularity. The third one held last evening at the Drill hall eclipsed in point of attendance, and, in fact, in all ways the previous ones. There must have been 1,500, if not more, present last evening, and of these the large majority participated in the dances. Even at this the floor was not overcrowded, and with the splendid music provided by the Fifth Regiment orchestra and the attention bestowed on the guests by the members of the committee, all were made to enjoy themselves.

The hall was very prettily decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting, evergreens and stands of arms. Hanging from the ceiling were strings of varied colored flags, and at either end of the hall the flags of Great Britain and the United States were gracefully draped. The dining room was suitably decorated. Several hundred electric lights, including a number of small colored ones, helped to brighten the appearance of the ballroom, which, with the bright dresses of the ladies and the uniforms of officers and men of the Navy, Royal Artillery and Militia, made a very pretty scene.

The list of guests included the Lieut.-Governor, Mayor Redfern, U. S. Consul Smith and many others. All of whom took a hand in the general good time.

The ball was opened with a grand march, followed by a programme of dances which kept all merry until an early hour this morning.

Corp. J. A. McTavish was chiefly responsible for the decorations, which reflected much credit on himself and his energetic committee. Sergeant Major Mulcahy was master of ceremonies; Gunner Williams, chairman, and Sergt. C. Holler, secretary of the general committee, while Gunner Stevenson had charge of the supper room and performed his duties well.

The members of the committee and the non-commissioned officers and men are to be congratulated on this, their third, annual ball, and all that the guests at future events of the kind can ask is that they will be equal to last evening's. There was no improvement that could be suggested. The large crowd was well handled, the supper was all that could be desired, Bandmaster Finn and his band provided good music, the floor was equal to the best and the committee was as jolly a one as could be got together.

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## Ups and Downs of A Miner.

Robert Stevenson Gives Some History of Himself and "Cariboo" Cameron.

## Will Remove the Remains of His Old Partner to Eastern Canada.

Grand Forks, Dec. 11.—"As soon as the time permits I intend to disinter the remains of 'Cariboo' Cameron from their resting place on a hillside in Cariboo, and reinter them alongside the grave of his wife in the Scottish cemetery at Summerstown, Glangary county, when I shall have paid the last tribute of respect to my deceased partner and friend, and erect a monument commemorating his memory and romantic exploits. Then, and not till then, shall I feel happy."

The speaker was Robert Stevenson, a miner, who after forty years intermittent search with varying success for the precious metal, has retired to spend the remainder of his days in tranquillity upon a ranch in the picturesque Similkameen valley.

The name of Cameron is a household word in Eastern Canada. He made a vast fortune in placer mining in Cariboo in the sixties, a devoted wife shared all the privations of life in that Northern wilderness, and when she died, Cameron nearly lost his reason. In company with Stevenson he started east with the body, travelling via Victoria, San Francisco, Panama and New York to Glasgow. Several years later, after increasing his fortune, he left Cariboo as he thought forever. On his native heath Cameron was regarded as a public benefactor. He entertained day and night, lending large sums to old friends without exacting security. The pace had lasted more than twelve years, when Cameron found himself a pauper again. Claiming breakfasts, barbecues, attended by the entire countryside, and tally-hoing parties, were some of the diversions he provided for favored guests. Nothing daunted, he determined to make a second clean up, and started for the scene of his lengthy absence. Conditions during a lengthy absence had changed. Without friends, the former King of Cariboo, then well advanced in years, resolutely started to work on a new claim, from which he expected great results. Fate, however, decreed otherwise. He fell ill, and died among strangers. He is buried on a hill above the golden gulch which enriched him in the early sixties.

One can readily understand the generous motive that prompts Stevenson to perform the prospective act of kindness. He realizes that if his dead partner could express a wish, it would be to be laid to rest in the kirk yard overlooking the St. Lawrence.

The career of Mr. Stevenson has likewise been crowded with perilous adventures and romantic experiences, since he left home, near Vanleek Hill, Ont., late in the fifties. The scene embraced Central America, California, Washington, and British Columbia. Long before the advent of the railway, he had sailed on the interior waterways, penetrated the fertile and silent valleys, and had traversed its almost inaccessible mountain ranges. He was a member of one of those numerous groups of argonauts who joined half a dozen stampedes to various placer diggings. Younger men today are on the same quest in Alaska or the Klondike. Thus history repeats itself.

Mr. Stevenson has suffered no ill effects from the hardships he encountered. Although nearing his sixtieth year he is remarkably well preserved, a condition due no doubt to an active life mostly spent out of doors. Nothing gives him greater pleasure than to recall the stirring events of those pioneer days. The region now known as the Boundary country was over-run by gold-seekers. Rock and Boundary creeks gave up enormous treasure. The grass grown trenches and decayed sluice boxes along their banks today bear testimony to the former activity that prevailed. Mr. Stevenson participated in all this excitement. He has in his possession a beautiful medal on which is inscribed his name, and these words: "Pioneer of B.C., May 1850, B. C. Pioneer Society."

"In the spring of 1860 I joined the Collins expedition at Walla Walla, bound for the gold diggings, whence news of the strike had been brought out in the winter on Ross creek," observed Mr. Stevenson, who was in a reminiscent mood. "There were 200 men in the outfit, and two months were occupied in crossing the mountains from the coast, through an almost unknown region. We experienced many hardships and privations, and besides had a number of battles with the Indians, in the territory now known as the Okanogan Reservation. The Indians were entrenched on bluffs commanding a canyon we had to traverse. They disputed our progress, and we had to fight our way through, losing half a dozen men, but inflicting more severe punishment in return. We reached the mouth of a black creek, a little north of the present international boundary, on June 22, 1860, to find that about forty miners from the Similkameen had preceded us. The placers were very rich, the average per man being \$30 a day. All summer new comers poured in, and in September there was a stampede fifteen miles east to Bonanza creek, where \$25 a day per man was easily realized. In the summer of the following year the mining population along both streams, which then began to give out, exceeded eight thousand. Two thousand and pack animals were employed in hauling in supplies from the coast. Living of course was very expensive. A good sized city, now in ruins, sprang up at the mouth of Rock creek, near the site of Midway. There were saloons, gambling dens, and dance houses. Two enterprising whiskey sellers surpassed their rivals by packing in a billiard table from Walla Walla. Night was turned into day, and it was a constant scene of 'hot time in old town.' When the placers gave out, the mining news came of rich strikes in the Nez Per-

ce, county of Idaho. At once a stampede followed. The miners worked on the co-operative plan. Those who survived obtained about \$30,000 apiece. Others like myself, attracted by the news from Cariboo, started for that district in the summer of 1861. We followed the main waterways after reaching Pentleton, and covered the distance in less than two months. In this remote region I was destined to spend two winters and sixteen summers. Soon after my arrival I formed the acquaintance of Cameron, and secured a seventh interest in his claim.

"Cameron's wife died October 23, 1862, an event that almost prostrated him. It was not till December 22, or two months later, that he made the big strike at a depth of 240 feet. Early in '63 I accompanied my partner with the body of his wife to Eastern Canada. We travelled via Victoria, San Francisco, the Isthmus of Panama and New York. Our claim paid handsomely. The gold taken out inside of three years exceeded one million dollars."

Many versions of the mine of fabulous value discovered by Mr. Stevenson, and whose location was for years lost, have been published. The correct one, as given your correspondent by Mr. Stevenson, is as follows:

"In the fall of '61 McLean, a Hudson's Bay factor, overtook Cameron and me at Bonaparte river, and showed us a piece of quartz encrusted with free gold. The specimen was the richest I ever saw. My partner and I offered the officer \$10,000 if he would conduct us to the locality where it came. McLean, who was killed in the Chilcotin Indian war in the following year, declined our offer, contenting himself with giving us general directions. For one reason or another I postponed the search for the El Dorado until fourteen years had elapsed. I then started out with two Indians, and after a few weeks of continuous searching discovered what from McLean's description was the mother lode. The find consisted of a six-foot free milling quartz ledge. The mineral could be traced over a high mountain peak for nearly 600 feet. I staked the claim and recorded it. The locality, roughly speaking, is about 50 to 55 miles east of the coast, and about 40 miles north of the boundary. In the heart of the Hope mountains. I brought out samples of the rock, and seven assays gave values ranging from \$100 to \$2,500 gold per ton. The specimen may be verified at the government assay offices in Victoria. I revisited the locality, but was unable to find my claim, despite a most diligent search. Great was my disappointment, but I resolved on a second search the following year with the same success. This time I went alone, but it must be recalled that the district is covered with dense timber and there is great uniformity about the mountains. This fall I made a third hunt for the claim, and after a month of ceaseless tramping over the summits rediscovered the ledge. I intend to work the property in the spring. There is no doubt about its richness, and I feel that I have another fortune within my grasp."

Mr. Stevenson exhibited some quartz that was literally bespattered with gold.

## FREAKS OF OCEAN'S MIGHT.

Tidal Bore of Moncton and Other Phenomena of the Bay of Fundy.

The "bore" at Moncton, N. B., about 130 miles from the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, is a tidal wave which, in the twinkling of an eye, converts a rent of mud in the landscape into a broad, navigable river. This happens each flood tide. With the ebb the 12 miles of river over which the "bore" sweeps, again becomes a reach of mud and slime.

The "bore" is the final and climactic act in each flood tide in the Bay of Fundy. There is a phenomenon more picturesque, the reversible tidal falls at St. John, N. B., but none so dramatic or more in keeping with what the climax of a great tidal rise should be. In height, velocity and roar the "bore" fulfills all these conditions.

The Bay of Fundy is, roughly speaking, 175 miles long and from 30 to 50 wide. It lies like a narrowing trough between Maine and the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The heaping up of waters in this natural trough is believed to account for the extraordinary tidal phenomena. The various headwaters of the bay are themselves bays of Fundy in miniature, with the result that, as we proceeded up the bay, the tidal phenomena repeat themselves on a steadily enlarging scale. Thus, the nearer we draw to the headwaters of the greater the rise of tide; until the climax is reached at Moncton with a "bore" and a tidal rise and fall of 70 feet.

The explanation of the extraordinary rise of the Bay of Fundy, attributing them to the troughlike shape of the bay, is, I believe, widely accepted. There seems none other feasible. The bay itself lies at the head of a series of great bights in the Atlantic coast, so that, when the tide reaches its mouth, there has already been a great upheaving of waters upon which the troughlike shape of Fundy has a cumulative effect as the tide streams up the bay.

It is interesting to follow the tide from its beginning to its climax at Moncton. It affects not only the landscape of the bay, but also the industries which are followed there. For instance, dry docks hardly are needed in the Bay of Fundy. If a vessel is anchored in deep water at flood tide, she will probably be high and dry before half the ebb, and there will be time to scrape and clean her and to make other repairs before the flood tide lifts her again.

Near the mouth of the bay and athwart it, like a huge bolt of rock, lies the heaving island of Grand Manan. There the rise and fall of the tide is about 15 feet. At low tide there are numerous rocky islets, which are swallowed up by the flood. Seaward are shelves of rocky ledges, and the effect of these on the tide is to increase its velocity so that not infrequently ships are unable to stem it and are obliged to beat about the mouth of the bay for hours, even when the wind is fair. There are many days of thick fog in the Bay of Fundy, and often I have stood on the high cliffs of Grand Manan watching the topsails of ships above the mist. The effect was ghostly and weird. It seemed as if a phantom fleet was cruising below.

On one occasion I went out fishing in a rowboat. A few rods from shore we scraped bottom on a rock. Some hours later as we were returning the boatman pointed to a high rock, at least 20 feet

out of water. "That is the rock we touched," he said. The scene was completely transformed. Small craft, the anchors of which had apparently been thrown out on shore, were dangling by their cables from rocky eminences. The wharf where the little steamer had landed me stood, slime-stained, amid a lot of seaweed covered stones. The steamer was anchored well out in the bay.

The strength of the tidal wave adds to the force of the waves and on some of the headlands strange shapes have been carved from the rocks by the water. At the very end of a picturesque ledge, jutting from the cliffs at the southern end of Grand Manan, is the perfect figure of a cross worn from the solid rock and standing erect on the ledge as if it had been built there. I once saw a white seagull hover over and perch upon this cross. The day was tranquil, the waves sunlit and murmuring faintly against the base of the cliff; and the southern cross with the white gull perched upon it gave a wonderful sense of peace to the scene.

Curiously enough, at the other extremity of the island, the waves have carved another symbol of religion—the rock there resembling so closely a bishop's mitre that it is called the bishop.

But the greatest effect of combined wave and tide action is what is known as the seven days' work on the west shore of Grand Manan. This is a seawall several miles in length and composed of huge boulders. It is a giant's causeway built by the tides of the Bay of Fundy, and forming an entirely artificial shore line, with here and there a little pond where the waters of the bay have percolated or where a brook comes down the slope of the island and spreads out behind the seawall.

There are fish weirs at Grand Manan, but in no such number as further up the bay around Lubec, Eastport and Campobello, where the rise and fall of the tide is about 25 feet. The fish swim into these weirs at high water, and, being unable to find the way out, because once in the weir they swim in a circle, and thus miss the narrow entrance, the fishermen have only to enter the weir at low tide and scoop up the catch. The tide is thus made tributary to an important industry. Most of the fish caught in these waters are herring, which are put up as sardines at the many factories near Eastport. About a million a year are canned, and the industry affords occupation to many besides the fishermen.

It is considered great sport to launch boats and small vessels on the wake of the bore, to carried swiftly up stream with no exertion beyond steering, and come down on the ebb. A schooner, the stern of which protruded from one of the wharves, was torn from her moorings by the bore, had her masts snapped by a huge bridge under which she was carried and her bow smashed. Altogether, the bore helies its name; for it makes things rather lively for the otherwise slow town of Moncton.



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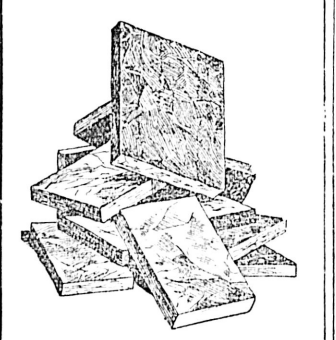
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14 Bastion Square, Victoria.  
Solicitors for the executors, Thomas Flewin, Chas. F. Flewin and James Longhurst.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate, and maintain a line of railway from Victoria, British Columbia, or some other suitable point at or near the northern end of Vancouver Island to Hardy Bay or some other suitable point at or near the northern end of the said Island, and as part of the said undertaking to acquire, lease or make traffic arrangements with existing railways on the said Island; and to operate and maintain lines of steamships and car ferries between the said line of railway or any of the branches thereof and any point or points in British Columbia, the State of Washington, United States of America, and the Territory of Alaska, United States of America, to construct and maintain wharves and docks, telegraph and telephone lines, with all powers usually granted to railway companies and such other rights and privileges as may be necessary to carry out the object of the company.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., October 12, 1899.  
FRANK HIGGINS,  
Solicitor for the Applicant.



## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, Dec. 15-8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is rising again and the storm area which has been central of Vancouver Island is dispersing to the south-east. The high area which has covered the northern portion of the province and all parts of the Territories is also beginning to give way, though still very extensive, and with temperature ranging from zero to 22 degrees below.

## TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria .....	30	32
New Westminster .....	32	32
Kamloops .....	18	12
Barkerville .....	10	0
Calgary .....	12	8
Winnipeg .....	12	8
Portland, Ore. ....	34	46
San Francisco .....	48	56

## FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time)  
Saturday:  
Victoria and Vicinity—Easterly to southerly winds; unsettled, with sleet or rain.  
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds; unsettled, with sleet or rain.

## VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m. ....	32	31	
Noon .....	30	31	
5 p.m. ....	30	30	

The velocity and direction of the wind was as follows:

5 a.m. ....	20 miles north.
5 p.m. ....	15 miles north.
5 p.m. ....	20 miles northeast.

Average state of weather—Snow, rain and melted snow—28 inch.  
Barometer at noon—Observed, 29.528  
Corrected, 29.554

## PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:  
N. K. Ford, Chas. Jones,  
Capt. White, H. Barthrop,  
J. Lewis, Mr. Nicholson,  
Mrs. Tiley, C. Jennings,  
E. T. Campbell, F. Underwood,  
S. J. Maxwell, A. G. Gibson,  
C. J. Robertson, A. E. Murphy,  
B. F. May, O. M. Hankness,  
A. Crockett, J. Ramsay,  
F. Athol, J. Webster,  
Miss Darrill, Mrs. J. C. Hoggins,  
Mrs. Cuthbert, Sam Davis,  
Mrs. Wood, Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gilbert.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:

B. E. Shaw, Geo. Brown,  
Mrs. Winters, C. Martin,  
Mrs. P. H. McMillan, W. Bolton,  
J. Lewis Hall, P. McCulloch,  
W. Adams, Mrs. Forbes,  
S. Perry Mills, J. Pearson,  
A. F. Forbes, Mrs. Pearson,  
J. McFar, J. Jamieson,  
A. McLeod, F. Bobbidge,  
S. C. H. Tupper, W. C. Willis,  
Mrs. C. M. Tupper, Mrs. C. M. Mitchell,  
L. J. Tupper, Mr. Appleby,  
A. W. Dabson, Mrs. Brydon.

By steamer Umatilla from 'Frisco:

Miss Forrest, Miss I. Fox,  
Mrs. J. H. Frank, M. Turner,  
M. Pimly, Mrs. Griffin,  
Mrs. Nelson, J. Gates,  
C. H. Meese, Mrs. Meese,  
B. T. Graves, Mrs. Graves and  
two children, Ed. Dougan,  
Mrs. Hordon, Frank Schmitz,  
Miss Walters, Miss A. Fox.

## CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:  
Cuthbert & Co., P. R. Stewart & Co.  
Giant Powder Co., Weller Bros.  
B. C. Furn, W. J. Anderson,  
Fletcher Bros., J. S. Gomersley,  
Stickney T. Hdw. Co., Miss M. Wilcoxson,  
R. Hall, A. Barker,  
Wm. Beaton, Hattie Fair,  
C. N. Yarnall, C. W. Gibson,  
Schmucke Mach. Wks., F. Huddle & Co.  
Cunningham H. Co., J. O. Clark,  
A. Torrance, S. Leiser & Co.  
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Vic. Lum & M. Co., B. C. Elec. Ry. Co.  
T. N. Hinton & Co., Vic. Book & S. Co.  
E. R. Marlin, D. R. Chagnon,  
J. H. Todd & Son.

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Ames H. Co., B. C. Elec. Ry. Co.  
Berry & Stewart, Bureau of Mines,  
D. H. Ross, D. R. Pottinger,  
Erskine, W. & Co., E. J. Saunders & Co.  
Fletcher Bros., P. R. Stewart & Co.  
G. E. Munro & Co., H. B. Co.  
Hickman T. H. Co., H. Short & Son,  
H. J. Brade & Co., J. L. Love & Co.  
John Barnsley & Co., John H. Ross,  
Kohlberg & Co., On Hing Bros.  
Korber & Sons, Phillip Rome,  
S. J. Farrell, P. R. Hinton & Co.  
S. R. Pitts & Co., Skene Lowe,  
Thos. Earle, The Colonist,  
Wilson Bros., Viet. Mach. Depot,  
Berry & Thurston, D. Bogznan,  
C. Cleveron, P. Magnone,  
Taylor, S. & Co., D. de Bernardi Co.  
V. Ghoni, Columbia Fish Mkt.  
Winch & Bower, Wells Fargo Co.

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:

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J. Hutton, J. Tollich,  
G. E. Munro & Co., A. F. Griffiths,  
C. Hazette, R. Wolfenden,  
H. Brauchamp, D. F. T. Col.  
K. Kington, Dom. Ex. Co.,  
W. A. Jamieson, E. J. Saunders.

## THE POISONING TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 15.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the trial of Roland B. Molinoux for the killing of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams was adjourned until Monday morning, Kinsley, the handwriting expert, was still on the witness stand, undergoing a severe cross-examination at the hands of Mr. Weeks, the attorney for the defence.

## FLOUR MILLS CLOSING.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—Six flour mills are closed down, reducing the capacity about 25 per cent.

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A HANDY REMEDY FOR  
**COLDS**

A handy remedy for colds is everything. To have a remedy at hand when you take cold is the sure way of getting rid of the cold quickly. A few doses of "77" at the beginning will "break up" any cold within twenty-four hours; hence the value of a remedy that can be carried in the pocket.

"77" consists of a small vial of pleasant pellets that fits the vest pocket.

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The Evidence  
At Variance.

Clergymen of New Whatcom  
Take Different Views of Mr.  
Naylor's Conduct.

Endorsed By Rev. Mr. Rogers  
and Strongly Condemned  
By Rev. Mr. Sullivan.

Rev. Isaac Naylor, the revivalist from London, whose special evangelistic services here were abruptly terminated on his character as a preacher being impugned, has not yet carried out his declared intention of returning to Seattle to give battle to his accusers. He had stated that he would go over by the Utopia on Thursday morning, yet he was still here yesterday, and when he left his last boarding place, the International hotel, last evening, said that he intended taking the Charming for Vancouver.

When asked for an explanation of his career and his alleged improper domestic relations at the time his Victoria meetings were brought to an end so suddenly, Mr. Naylor referred all inquiries to Rev. Mr. Rogers, of the Congregational church at New Whatcom, and declared that it was in that city his character had first been attacked, and that his vindication had been so complete and satisfactory as to become the sensation of the city.

Rev. Mr. Rogers was wired to by the staff captain of the Salvation Army, and replied: "Naylor all right. Will write." The promised letter came to hand yesterday, and reads as follows:

Dear Brother: The Rev. Isaac Naylor was with us in two meetings, and we have reason to be thankful for the work he did here. He is a sound preacher, and speaks the truth in love. His good wife is a lover of the Saviour and a faithful co-worker with her husband. Both come from fine families and have long done faithful evangelistic service. I consider them both very trustworthy.

Brother Naylor has been divorced from a former wife, but on scriptural grounds. I have seen all the papers. He is entitled to the sympathy of his brethren, for he has suffered much. Since he left here the papers have done him and the cause much harm. The strange part of it is he has been persecuted by those who ought to have prayed for him.

The parents of Sister Naylor, who knew the whole history of the case, signed the marriage certificate and confided their daughter to the care of our brother. I trust they have grace enough to "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ."

We pray for them every day. Yours in Jesus Christ.

(Sd.) ALONZO ROGERS.

The general verdict of New Whatcom does not appear, however, to be so unanimously in his favor as the Rev. Mr. Naylor has indicated, for Chief of Police A. J. Land, of that city, has furnished the Colonist with a certified copy of the finding of Rev. Spruce S. Sullivan, to whom (not Rev. Mr. Rogers) the investigation of the original charges were delegated. The basis of the investigation was the following:

"Jesse Bowman Young, editor of the Central Christian Advocate, in a note dated October 25, 1899, says that Rev. Charles Garnet, a Congregational pastor in London, has written Dr. Buckley: 'Isaac Naylor is travelling about and living with a Miss Houser,' whom he introduces as his wife. His lawful wife is living in England and has five children to support. \* \* \* He is unworthy the confidence and recognition of Christian men, and these facts can be fully verified."

In his finding, Rev. Mr. Sullivan says: "Parsonage, First Methodist Church, 'New Whatcom, Nov. 24, 1899."

"The above came to me for investigation, Mr. Naylor being at that time engaged in union revival services in this city. I sent for him to meet me at the parsonage. He failed to come. I then sent him at the preacher's meeting, and in the presence of the Rev. O. A. Smith, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, this city, informed him of the complaints. He declined to answer until the names of those making the accusations were given, indicating his intention of commencing legal proceedings against them.

"Pressing of the matter brought from him an admission that he had been divorced from his wife in England and married to the lady he was now travelling with. He promised to meet me at the parsonage and give documentary evidence to prove the statement. This he did.

"I find he was divorced from his wife in England, and married to a woman in North Dakota, not for scriptural reasons, but for refusal to live with him, etc. The decree of divorce was granted on December 5, 1898, and signed by W. O. Lander, judge, and C. A. McKean, clerk; and in 10 days after the divorce was granted, being on December 15, 1898, Mr. Naylor was married to Miss 'Ellie C. Houser' at 1327 Court street, Los Angeles, Cal., by Rev. P. O. Nelson, pastor Swedish Baptist church; J. M. and Angelica Houser, parents of the bride, were the witnesses.

"Mr. Naylor strongly affirmed that he had been divorced for 'scriptural reasons,' and defined that term as being adultery. He requested me not to read the complaint in the divorce court, because it contained some very indecent language. I insisted on going through the whole document, even if it be unpleasant reading. He then seemed to just call to memory that the divorce had been granted on other grounds than that of adultery, but claimed that cause of adultery was in the original complaint, on file or record in the Dakota court, and that the courts of Great Britain had certified that fact to the Dakota court. He further claimed that his present wife and her parents and relatives had and have full information concerning his divorce; and that prominent brethren in the ministry in the East had advised him to get the divorce. Their names he refused to give me. Mr. Naylor is at present conducting meetings at Astoria, Oregon.

"Whatever use, public or private, for the protection of the church, it is necessary to make of these facts, and my relation to the same, may be made. Copies of this letter go to James M. Buckley, D. D., Jesse Bowman Young, D. D., Albert N. Fisher, D. D., and A. S. Grege, Seattle, correspondent for our Eastern church papers. Sincerely yours,  
(Sd.) SPRUCE S. SULLIVER.

Children who go sleighing. They return covered with snow. Had a teaspoon of Pain-Killer in hot water till present ill effects. Avoid substitutes, there's but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', 25c. and 50c.

Business Centre  
Of Kootenay.

Impressions Gained of the City  
of Nelson During a  
Hurried Visit.

Handsome Business Blocks  
and Pretty Residences in  
all Directions.

A visitor to the larger cities of West Kootenay—Nelson and Rossland—cannot help but note the different ambitions of the people of the two places. The Rosslander talks almost exclusively of mines and mining, while the Nelsonite points out how his city is to become the commercial centre of the Interior. With both one must agree. Rossland certainly has the mines, and if Nelson has not a big trade, why then her merchants have their stores greatly over-stocked.

Dealing first with Nelson, one is attracted by and surprised at the business blocks—those already erected and those which are nearing completion. Of the buildings recently completed and under construction may be mentioned the Bank of Montreal; the B. C. Goldfields; Hudson's Bay Co.; Madden's; Ward & Baker; P. Burns & Co.; John Houston; and Maloney & Triggall, any one of which would do credit to a coast city. These buildings and the many smaller ones are monuments to the patriotism of the people of Nelson, the material used in their construction being, as far as possible, the product of Kootenay. The stone requires special mention, being a marble which takes a polish equal to the best. It is quarried between Nelson and Kaslo. Some of these buildings are already occupied and the others will be occupied by the New Year.

Like the business blocks, the residences are of a substantial and attractive character. They are built in terraces on the side of the mountain overlooking the city and the beautiful Kootenay river, which at this point widens out to the dimensions of a lake, or Portland, and Seattle had to put up with when those cities were in their infancy, only in the case of Nelson the inconvenience will not last so long. By this time street cars are whizzing through the proud little city of the interior. It was the intention to have them running last Sunday for the edification of the visitors from the coast cities, but the opening had to be postponed a few days. The cars run from the terminus of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, at the northern end of the city, through the main street and up the hill, terrace after terrace, so that accommodation is afforded to all. The system was installed by a British company, who control 42 systems in the United Kingdom. It was hardly necessary to tell this, as the substantial manner in which the work was done, and the style of cars, showed that the company was one that did not allow expense to stand in the way of giving a thoroughly first-class service over the four miles of road.

Almost every religious denomination is represented in Nelson, and they have handsome homes, the Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches being particularly large and substantial, the former being built of a grey granite.

That the commercial advantages of Nelson are recognized by the people of larger cities is shown by the large number of Victoria, Vancouver and Winnipeg business houses which have warehouses along the lake shore. These warehouses were erected under an arrangement with the C. P. R., whereby the merchants have a year-year lease, which can only be voided through the buildings being used for other than commercial purposes. In this way the company, who own all the water front, are assisting Nelson to become a commercial centre, and at the same time making it easier for the business men on the outside to cover all parts of Kootenay.

The thorough patriotism of the people has been before spoken of, but in nothing is it more striking than in the patronage given to the two daily papers issued there. There are few cities of 7,000 people which can support two daily papers and do it so well as Nelson. Both the Tribune and Miner are newsy sheets, and their advertising columns show that the merchants know how they can best help their city, and of course in doing so help themselves.

The one drawback to Nelson is the lack of school accommodation. The population has grown faster than was anticipated, and in consequence the accommodation is greatly inadequate. This will have to be attended to at once, but the people will not be satisfied with more graded schools—they also intend to agitate for a high school, and from a casual glance one would say that the request should be granted. In all of Kootenay there is at present no high school, and with cities and towns springing up in all directions there certainly should be one.

It is just as remembered that these interior towns are no longer peopled only by men, but that men having established themselves took in their families, and now—in the larger cities at least—social conditions are exactly similar to those on the coast.

Nelson has a comfortable opera house, erected at a cost of \$14,000, with a large stage and every convenience for the actors and audiences. At present the city is not included in any regular circuit, but negotiations are proceeding to include the Kootenay towns in some circuit. In the meantime the people have to be satisfied with occasional visits from companies, some of which find it profitable to play a full week.

No city could be better provided with transportation facilities, the waterways on which the C. P. R. run first-class freight and passenger steamers, giving the merchants the entry into all the mining camps in the vicinity. The steamers run from the head of Kootenay lake, touching at all points en route, including Kaslo, the lake terminus of the Kootenay & Shewan railway, which taps the Shewan country, while a railway ferry brings the cars from Kootenay Landing, the temporary terminus of the Crow's Nest Pass road, which in time will run into Nelson. Then the C. P. R. runs a line down the Kootenay river, branches of which run up the Shewan as far as Roselary to connect with the Shewan lake steamers, and to Robson, where one branch continues to Rossland and the other through the Boundary Creek country, this latter being the Columbia & Western, before described. Besides these Canadian lines, the Nelson & Fort

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## Christmas 1899



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Sheppard railway runs to Spokane, but cannot secure a right-of-way into the city. It was to accommodate this company that the street railway company laid regulation railway rails, it being anticipated that the railway company will run their cars over the street railway company's tracks.

In speaking of Kootenay and the cities of Kootenay, the C. P. R. cannot be left out. It is this great company that is opening up and developing the country, and in all ways helping the people. For example, the residents of Nelson found that their recreation grounds were not large enough. Application was made to the C. P. R., and immediately 40 acres of land to the north of the city were given to the people for park purposes. The ground is well situated and will make a grand natural park. That Nelsonites will make good use of the gift there is no doubt.

In most of the towns visited by the business men's excursion, one good hotel was considered ample. But not so at Nelson. Here there are two first-class hotels—the Phair and the Hume—each of which is well furnished and well managed, and they are usually taxed to their utmost.

The Hall Mines smelter is practically within the town, but considerably above it, which may account for the fact that vegetation is not affected by the fumes, as in the vicinity of other smelters. The ore is brought from the mines some ten miles up the mountain by an aerial tramway. This is the only developed mine in the vicinity of Nelson, but prospectors say there are ledges on the surrounding mountains which will yet make a great mining camp.

There is one thing that Nelson might do, and that is clean her streets and establish proper grades. When this is mentioned, however, the patriotic citizen invites you to return next summer, and promises that then the main street will be permanently paved and the others put in proper order. The trouble now is that so many buildings are going up that it is impossible to keep the streets in order.

The reception given to the excursionists is the best evidence of the genuine hospitality of Nelsonites.

## CANADIAN BOXER WON.

New York, Dec. 15.—Eddie Connelly, of St. John, N. B., was given the decision over Kid McParland, of New York, after 25 rounds of fighting at the Broadway Athletic club to-night.

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Moore & Co., druggists, Yates street, Victoria, B. C.  
Wm. Jackson & Co., chemists, Victoria, B. C.

Re William Buckett, Deceased.

Pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," notice is hereby given that all creditors and persons having claims, debts, claims or demands upon or against the estate of William Buckett, deceased, who died on the 5th day of November, 1899, and of whose last will and testament on the 8th day of December, 1899, granted to Donald McLean, of Victoria, British Columbia, are hereby required to send particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned, on or before the 31st day of January, 1900, verified by statutory declaration, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to debts, claims and demands of which he shall then have notice; and for the assets, or any part thereof, so administered and distributed he will not be liable to any person of whose debt or claim or demand he shall then have had notice. And all persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased are required forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the said executor.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1899.

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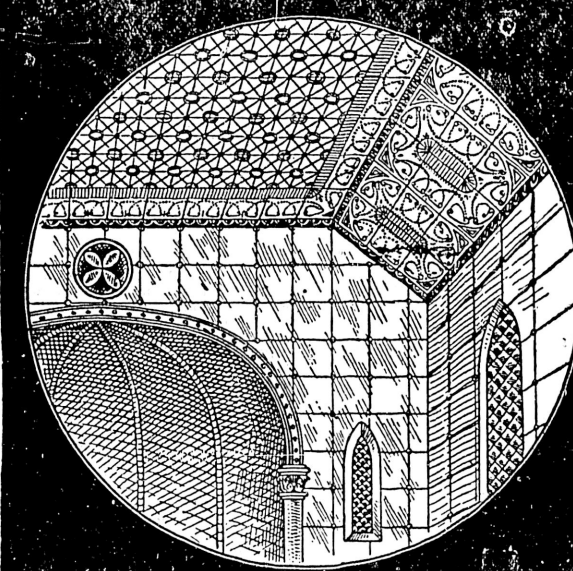
Executors Estate of the late Andrew Robertson, of Montreal.

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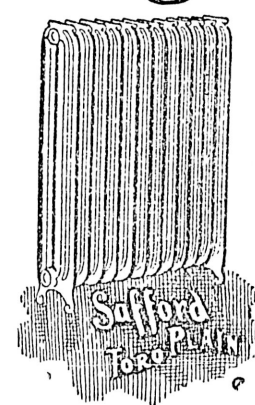
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